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The Spirit of Christ—For All of Life

The Call: To every member of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild—

1. To commit herself to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world.

2. To accept responsibility in the total program of the local church.

3. To interpret the place of the educational institutions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the World mission of the Church.

4. To confront the local church with the challenge of recruitment for missionary and deaconess service.

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1956 - 1957

June

New WSCS fiscal year begins
Pledge for year
Budget made for year
Pledge reported to District Promotion secretaries and treasurers
Officers Training Day in local societies and zones
Plan to enlist every church-woman as a member
Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah June 18-23

July

Order Program and Worship booklets "The Islands Await His Word" and the new Prayer Calendars
Guild week-end, July 14, 15, 16
Local treasurers first quarter's report due District treasurer July 20.

August

Prepare and send Christmas boxes to our institutions
School of Missions, Centenary College, August 13-17
World Federation of Methodist Women quadrennial meeting, Lake Junaluska, August 27-31

September

Eight Missionary Education Seminars
Begin study "Mission Field U. S. A."
Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-denial

October

Local secretaries reports due District officers October 1
Mid-year Executive Committee meeting, October 3, 4, First Methodist Church, Houma, Louisiana
MacDonell Methodist Center Board meeting, Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.
Dulac Indian Mission Board Meeting, Oct. 5, 2:00 p.m.
World Communion Sunday, October 7
Local treasurers second quarter report due District treasurers October 20
Week of Prayer and Self-denial, October 22

November

Begin study of "Southeast Asia"

December

Plan Special Membership month

January
1957

Wesleyan Service Guild Month
Observe Student Recognition Day, January 6
Plan recognition service for new members
Focus attention on Goals and indicate progress
Local treasurers report for third quarter due January 20
Co-operate with pastor in church-wide study "High Hours of Methodism in Town-Country Communities"

February

Local secretaries reports due District officers February 1
Elect a Nominating Committee
Day Apart Service held during Lent
Begin study "Paul's letters to local Churches"
Annual Meeting South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, February 19, 20, 21, Albuquerque, New Mexico

March

World Day of Prayer, March 8
Election of Local Society officers
Send list of local officers to District Promotion Secretary
Annual Meeting of Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service March 13, 14, 15, Alexandria, Louisiana

April

Easter Sunday, April 21
Pledge paid in full
Begin study "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern"
District Annual Meeting

May

Local treasurers fourth quarter report due May 1
Install officers
Pledge service for new year
Annual report from all officers
Make plans for Officer Training Day in local societies
May Fellowship Day, May 3
Continue study "Youth in a Responsible Society
Annual Meeting of Board of Louisiana Methodist Children's Home May 9
All local societies reports made and mailed not later than May 31

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I know where it lies, for I have seen
The curtains part that are hung between
This land of ours and the Hidden Land:
I am certain that I have seen a hand
Reaching to part the curtains there,
To set them quivering on the air;
Thin veils astir in the sunset light,
That closed before I was blinded quite.

I know that the Blessed Country lies
Somewhere in the crimson evening skies.
Beyond the hills and the sea's far line
I have seen its golden windows shine;
Above its lintel a star-lamp swings;
And there was a sudden flash of winds . . .
And white on crimson air, a hand
Beckoning me to that Blessed Land.

Grace Noll Crowell

To all those faitful women who have passed on to that Blessed Land during the past year, this page is respectfully dedicated.

PROGRAM

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1956

5:00 p.m.—Executive Committee Meeting and Dinner, Noel Memorial Methodist Church, 520 Herndon Ave.

"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1956

MORNING SESSION

"Lift Thou Thy World, O Christ Closer to Thee"

8:00 Registration

8:45 Organ Prelude

9:00 Hymn No. 297, "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"

Convening of Sixteenth Annual Meeting.....Mrs. C. I. Jones, presiding
Opening Worship.....Mrs. M. G. Bryant
Welcome .....Mrs. Andrew L. Thomas
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Report from Division .....Mrs. George W. Dameron
Constitution and By-Laws.....Mrs. Charles F. Goldthwait
Announcements .....Mrs. T. Haller Jackson
Introduction of Workers..... Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Hymn No. 455—"Awake, Awake, Awake, to Love and Work"
Growth Through the Districts
Mrs. Lee Tidwell and District Secretaries of Promotion
Ballot for Jurisdiction Delegates
Place of Meeting for 1957
Courtesies
Special Musie

12:00 Quiet Time.....Mrs. Dana Dawson

12:30 Lunch "To Know Him and Make Him Known"..Mrs. Harold L. Soulen
Mrs. C. B. McEachern, presiding

AFTERNOON SESSION

Through me Thy truth be shown, Thy love made known"

1:45 Organ Prelude

2:00 Hymn No. 251—"Take Time to Be Holy"

Scripture and Prayer.....Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Order of Business
Report of Ballot
Resolutions
Officers' Hour.....'Through Mine—Let Thy Life Shine"
Mrs. C. I. Jones, presiding
Mrs. C. B. McEachern ..... Vice-President
Mrs. Robley W. Davis ..... Missionary Education and Service
Mrs. Charles F. Goldthwait .....Christian Social Relation
Mrs. Minza Rabun .....Wesleyan Service Guild
Mrs. D. W. Poole .....Student Work
Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr..... Youth Work
Mrs. S. E. Richardson ..... Children's Work
Mrs. George E. Powell ..... Supply Work
Mrs. A. F. Hanson ..... Status of Women
Mrs. W. W. Paxton ..... Spiritual Life
Mrs. James T. Harris .....Missionary Personnel

Mrs. Wideman Watson ..... Literature and Publication
Mrs. J. H. McSween ..... Treasurer
Pledge Service
President's Message ..... Mrs. C. I. Jones
Installation of Officers ..... Mrs. George S. Sexton

PROGRAM

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1956

10:00 a. m. Registration ..... Lobby, Captain Shreve Hotel
10:30 a. m. Conference Executive Meeting ..... Captain Shreve Hotel
12:00 p. m. Conference Executive Committee
Luncheon ..... Captain Shreve Hotel

AFTERNOON SESSION
Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

2:00 p. m. Organ Prelude
Convening of Fifth Annual Meeting of
Wesleyan Service Guild ..... Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding
Welcome ..... Dr. D. L. Dykes
Hymn No. 501—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
Worship ..... Mrs. Ellie Earl Sheppard
Order of Business
Committee Appointments
Report of Recording Secretary
Introduction and Announcements
Guild Hymn
Report of Conference Secretary ..... Mrs. Minza Rabun
Election
Special Music ..... Junior High Girls—First Methodist Church
Address:- "DO YOU KNOW" ..... Miss Gertie Stiles
Benediction ..... Miss Martha Nicholson

4:15 p. m. Tea ..... Business Girls' Inn

6:45 p. m. Fellowship Dinner ..... Baird Hall, First Methodist Church
Miss Arline Tyler, presiding
Invocation ..... Dr. John J. Rasmussen
Fellowship

EVENING SESSION
Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

8:15 p. m. Organ Prelude
Call to Worship ..... Mrs. Minza Rabun
"Through Mine—Let Thy Life Shine"
Communion Service ..... Dr. B. C. Taylor
(Leave offering on altar for Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund)
Special Music ..... Miss Jennie Townsend
Address ..... Mrs. Harold L. Soulen
Announcements
Pledge Service ..... Mrs. J. H. McSween
Benediction ..... Mrs. C. I. Jones

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1956

7:30 a. m. Breakfast ..... Garden Room, Captain Shreve Hotel
Miss Helen Adams, presiding
Meditation ..... Mrs. George Sexton

8:45 a. m. Morning Session—Lake Room, Captain Shreve Hotel
Call to Order.....Miss Grace Lawson
Hymn No. 8.....Mrs. Lloyd T. Williams at organ
Prayer.....Miss Lillian Kennedy
Special Musie.....Mrs. A. B. Morris
Panel Discussion (Miss Grace Lawson in Charge)....."Helping to Share in the Needs of the World"
Shiela Nuttall, Pearlye Maye Kelley, Elizabeth Thompson
Guild Hymn
Break

10:00 a. m. Order of Business.....Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding
Report of Registration
Report of Committee
Invitation
Adjournment

10:50 a. m. Chureh Service.....First Methodist Church

12:15 p. m. Lunch.....Baird Hall, First Methodist Church
Courtesy of Shreveport Distriet Wesleyan Service Guild

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

First Methodist Church, Crowley, Louisiana

October 11, 12, 1955

The members and guests of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met in regular session in the First Methodist Church, Crowley, at five o'clock in the afternoon of October 11, 1955.

The meeting opened with a Retreat eonducted by the Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, who used as her subject "Ye Are My Witnesses." After a period of thoughtful scripture and poems, Mrs. Paxton read as a meditation a story "The Young Monk's Dream," in which was brought out Christ's statement "I'm counting on those who love me and understand my mission to complete my work in the world." A season of prayer followed. She closed with the poem "Candle Dipping." After the benediction, the committee adjourned to the dining room of the church for the evening meal.

DINNER

The Crowley Society served a delicious dinner from beautifully appointed tables. The invocation was offered by Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, pastor-host. Mrs. Geo. K. Sutton, president of the local society, warmly welcomed the committee. Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference president responded with a few well chosen words.

EVENING SESSION

Following the meal, the Committee returned to the Sanctuary. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. I. Jones. Mrs. Paxton opened the meeting with a talk on "Power." She closed with prayer.

The secretary read the minutes of the called meeting held at Centenary College during School of Missions, as follows:

"The meeting was opened with a devotional period. Mrs. Robley Davis read the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, and Mrs. W. E. Trice offered prayer.

Communications were read by the secretary: a letter of thanks from Miss Lillian Hay for help given, and a letter from Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, resigning her office of vice-president, due to the illness of the husband. The resignation was accepted with regret, and the Administrative Committee will fill the vacancy.

The president presented the matter of support for Anna Givens in Japan and Patsy Alexander in Uruguay, and it was voted to assume their support.

Motion was made by Mrs. Chas F. Goldthwait and seconded that the recommendations from each officer who normally make reports for the Annual Meeting, get out, instead, a letter to their respective officers containing the recommendations. After much discussion, Mrs. Glen Laskey made a substitute motion, and was seconded, that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and bring recommendations to the mid-year meeting. Carried. The committee named were: Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, and other members of the committee residing in the New Orleans area.

Motion was made by Mrs. J. H. McSween, treasurer, and seconded, that the Promotion secretary's report be made for the full year for the Annual Report, so that the pledge could be based on the fourth quarter's report, instead of May 1. It was carried.

Those present for this meeting were: Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. Robley Davis, Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Mrs. W. F. Manning Jr., Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Mrs. W. E. Trice, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. L. H. Cashen, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey.

The roll was called, which showed the following present for the meeting in Crowley: Mesdames C. I. Jones, J. H. McSween, E. E. Stewart, Robley Davis, Chas. F. Goldthwait, D. W. Poole, W. F. Manning, Jr., S. E. Richardson, Wideman Watson, Geo. E. Powell, W. W. Paxton, A. F. Hanson, James T. Harris, C. W. Tebow, W. E. Trice, R. O. Coorpender, T. M. Ellis, P. D. Lambert, Jr., Paul Lasseigne, Geo. H. Thomas, Robert Compton, A. J. McGrede, L. H. Cashen, E. N. Jackson, Miss Ola Mae Pennington, Mesdames C. J. Tackaberry, Otis Welch, F. C. Haley, J. T. Eubanks, W. C. McDonald and Sam B. Dunbar.

The president asked Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Jr., to send suitable messages to absent members due to illness. She then presented the new members of the Committee: Mrs. A. F. Hanson, secretary of the Status of Woman, and Miss Ola Mae Pennington, new treasurer of Monroe District. She also presented the special guests, the Christian Social Relations secretaries, Mrs. O. A. Buckingham from Baton Rouge District and Mrs. S. T. Spates from the Lake Charles District, and Miss Shiela Nuttall, a deaconess who formerly worked in Louisiana Conference, and who has returned to work again in the Conference.

The President, Mrs. C. I. Jones, reported attending the Jurisdictional Convocation in Ft. Worth, also two Board meetings held in Ft. Worth; she reported the work of the Woman's Society at the Annual Conference; attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah; the Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, where she conducted the president's clinic and assisted in the Status of Women workshop; attended the Board of Missions meeting in Alexandria, also the Conference of Town and Country, and the Commission of Town and Country.

The Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween, reported a balance on hand of $35,882.35 at the end of the first quarter.

Promotion secretary, Mrs. Lee Tidwell: In the absence of Mrs. Tidwell, due to illness, Mrs. J. T. Eubank read her report, which showed a membership in the Woman's Society at the end of the first quarter of 12,797; Wesleyan Service Guild of 1723, making a total membership of 14,587.

Comparative Totals	1st Quarter 1954	1st Quarter 1955
Total Adult Members	14,270	14,587
No. of Societies	314	320
No. of Guilds	89	90
No. of Districts 100% Organized	1	3
No. of Districts 100% Reporting	2	7
Conference % Reporting	90%	98%

Three Districts are 100% Organized: They are Lake Charles, Ruston and Shreveport.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart: The secretary reported. (See Annual Report).

It was moved by Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, and seconded, that two copies of the Annual Report for this quadrennium be bound, after the 1956 issue is printed, and one copy be placed in the library at Centenary College and one copy be furnished the Conference president, Carried.

A message from Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick was read by the secretary, regretting her absence and that she could not continue in office.

Mrs. Jones announced that the Administrative Committee had contacted Mrs. C. B. McEachern of Shreveport and had obtained her consent to have her name presented as the successor to Mrs. Kilpatrick in the office of vice-president. It was unanimously ratified by the committee.

Mrs. Goldthwait presented the report of the special committee appointed at the called session of the committee to submit recommendations concerning the officers annual reports and recommendations. After explanation, the vote was deferred until tomorrow.

Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Robley Davis: She reported on the School of Missions and the Seminars; that eight missionaries and nationals were present at the School of Missions; that the total enrollment was 236 with 212 credits issued; that there were 234 societies represented at the Seminars, with 1215 women in attendance.

The offerings amounted to $345.68. The School of Missions finance report showed a deficit of $8.39. It was moved by Mrs. Dunbar and seconded and carried that the Conference assume the indebtedness.

The dates for the 1956 Schools will be:

Jurisdiction School of Missions ..... June 18-23, 1956
Conference School of Missions ..... August 13-17, 1956

The courses to be taught at the next schools will be:

Southeast Asia—Paul's Letters to Local Churches.
Mission Field USA—Christians Safeguarding the Youth of the Nation.

Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait:

Following is the financial report:

Balance on hand March 1, 1955		$80.17
Disbursements:		
Mimeographing	$16.52	
Stamps and envelopes	14.23	
Mailing	1.95	
Telephone and telegraph	19.09	
	$51.79	51.79
Balance on hand, June 1, 1955		$28.38

Mrs. Goldthwait gave a brief bird's eye view of the past eight years' accomplishments of her office, since she is completing her term of office this year. She announced a Workshop on "World Understanding" to be held in January, the exact date to be announced later. The special guests for this meeting will be women from Uruguay, Japan and India. It is planned that the meeting be held in MacDonell Methodist Center at Houma.

As an added part of her report, Mrs. Goldthwait called on Mrs. R. O. Coorpender for a report of the meeting she attended in Kansas City as a representative of this Conference.

Mrs. Coorpender was very grateful for this opportunity. She was one of 16 from our Jurisdiction. The Theme was "The Christian Woman Understanding her World." There were discussions in small groups on this and related subjects.

Student Work, Mrs. D. W. Poole: Mrs. Poole reported 980 blue cards sent to various schools a the beginning of this term, which is more than ever before; that the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech is occupying a new building; that Southeastern is beginning a campaign to build a new building. She also reported her recent attendance at an Alcohol Seminar, held at Fontainebleau State Park, near Mandeville. It was an interracial meeting, was well attended and showed progress.

The president appointed Mrs. J. T. Eubank and Mrs. W. C. McDonald to approve the Minutes. Items concerning the coming Jurisdiction meeting were presented by Mrs. Stewart, after which the committee adjourned to meet at 8:30 Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Committee reconvened at 8:45 a. m. in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. W. W. Paxton led the devotions, using a hymn, prayer and a legend on opening the gate to a happy life. We learned that Love is the Key. She said "It isn't what you would do if you had a million dollars, but what you do with the $1.25 you have in your pocket." Mrs. Robley Davis closed the period with prayer.

Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. James T. Harris: Mrs. Harris shared her recent trip to Dallas with the Committee, where she participated in a meeting of Conference secretaries of Missionary Personnel. With one exception, all conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction were represented. The meeting was called to discuss the extreme shortage in missionary personnel and to seek means to improve it.

She reported that Patsy Alexander is rejoicing in her work at Crandon Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay; that Jo Ann Richardson of Baton Rouge is working as a US-2 at the Centenary Methodist Institute in Nashville; that Stella Lowe of Minden, also a US-2, has been assigned to work in Illinois; that Martha Caldwell of West Monroe, is teaching at one of the Division institutions in Tennessee; that Dr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lowrey of Baton Rouge are training for full time medical missionaries at the Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

A general discussion of Career Clinics followed, with related topics.

Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.: Mrs. Manning said that one District Youth secretary attended the National Convocation of Youth, at Purdue University, in the summer. She mentioned that most of her report had been covered by the Student and Missionary Personnel secretaries.

Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait spoke regarding District Workshops on Christian Social Relations.

The chairman of the Constitution and by-laws committee, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, having resigned, Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait was elected to succeed her.

COFFEE BREAK

A delightful coffee break followed, which gave the eommittee much needed rest. After the coffee break, the standing committees met.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Chairman. This committee recommends the following changes in the by-laws: (See Journal of Annual Meeting).

LUNCHEON

At tastily decorated tables, the Crowley Society served a bountiful lunch which made a pleasant interlude.

Invocation was offered by Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, pastor of the Crowley Church.

Following the meal, the **Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. W. W. Paxton,** made her report. Her summer aetivities included attendance at the Jurisdictional School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah; Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, where she conducted the Spiritual Life Clinic and Workshop, as well as taught the Spiritual Life Course in the school.

Great interest was aroused when she spoke of her work with the sick and needy, and using Bishop Kern's "Endless Life." She also made mention of the use of Prayer Boxes in her Society.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tackaberry, and seconded that Conference officers send their quarterly letters direct to each member of the Executive Committee, instead of depending on their respective District officers to do it. Carried.

Mrs. Jones thanked the ladies who served the meal, after which the committee was dismissed.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Committee reconvened at 1:15 P. M.

Miss Shiela Nuttall, Deaconess. Miss Nuttall reported on her new work in St. Tammany Larger Parish, describing the working of a parish with ten churches. She is stationed at LaCombe.

Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. S. E. Richardson: There has been an increase in the number of Children's secretaries, with 242 reporting last quarter. More churches are using Methodist Literature, and less David C. Cook; there has been a substantial increase in giving to missions; there were 186 Vacation Church Schools this year. She also reported helping with the Seminar and Workshop.

Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Geo. E. Powell: In the conference year 1954-1955 Supply Work average 81% reporting, with only one District reporting 100%, which was New Orleans. Our total giving to Supply Work for 1954-55 was $13.92 less than last year. Total cash giving to the foreign field $1314.32 more; to the home field $977.39 more. This is largely due to definite askings assigned to the societies. The per capita giving was $1.20 this year.

Coupons for St. Marks' camp project are not coming in as rapidly as hoped. The active support of the group was asked.

Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Wideman Watson: The first quarter four Districts were 100% in reporting: Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans and Ruston. Fifty-one societies reported every officer a subscriber to the Methodist Woman; to the World Outlook 11, New Orleans leading with 13 societies.

The total number of subscriptions to Methodist Woman 3,961; to the World Outlook 1676.

The sale of books at School of Missions amounted to $738.23. Mailed sample packets of Week of Prayer material to all local societies and Guild units at a total expense of $12.48.

Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. A. F. Hanson: Reported attending Jurisdiction School of Missions; Conference School of Missions, and conducted the Status of Women Clinic and Workshop. Local secretaries reporting were 194 out of 198, the first quarter.

COFFEE BREAK

A brief rest and a cup of coffee was a welcome interlude. Work was resumed after a brief period. Mrs. Goldthwait, offered prayer.

Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Jr. and Mrs. Robert Compton, who represented the Conference Woman's Society at the National Council of Town and Country Work reported an interesting meeting. Mrs. Lambert told something of the organization and its work. Mrs. Compton told about the fifty million churches in the country that were abandoned, or nearly so. They discussed the question whether would it be cheaper to clean them up or to build new ones. She described the Sunday of the meeting when teams went to all nearby churches and held services.

The Finance Committee Report:

The report was read by Mrs. Paul Lasseigne as follows:

The Finance committee recommend:

1. That the pledge to missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1956-57 be $96,000.00 including a supplementary gift to Miss Elizabeth Thompson of $345.00.

2. That the District's pledge to Conference be $105,000.00.

3. That the budget of Conference School of Missions be increased $100.00.

4. That an adding machine be purchased for the use of the Conference treasurer.

5. That part or all of the $200.00 budgeted for Christian Career Clinic be used if needed to start a youth group at the School of Missions next summer. The money to be used for this purpose only if societies are unable to finance their local youth representative.

Motion was made by Mrs. McSween and seconded that the recommendations be adopted, Carried.

A request has come from the Woman's Division treasurer to seek the reaction of the women to a unified budget of cultivation funds. A motion was made by Mrs. Coorpender and seconded that she be notified that the Louisiana Conference Society prefers the funds be handled as they are at present. If a subsidy is needed in any District the Conference will assist the needy District. Carried.

The District Presidents and Promotion Secretaries report was read by Mrs. F. C. Haley. This committee recommends that:

1. The presidents and Promotion secretaries of the District meet on Tuesday afternoon of the Jurisdiction Conference and assemble packets of officers recommendations, to be channeled to the Districts at District meetings.

2. A Conference-wide officers Training Day be held in Alexandria in May from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p. m. The date to be selected.

3. The Conference vice-president send suggestions from her program committee to the presidents of the Districts, planning the Zone meetings.

4. We itinerate a speaker for the District meetings this Spring, preferably beginning the first week after Easter, that is the first week in April.

Motion made by Mrs. Haley and seconded that they be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Program Chairman for the Annual Meeting: She read a resume of the program as planned.

It was recommended that the following persons attend the C.S.R. Seminar on World Understanding, to be held in Dallas the first of November; the president, secretaries of Christian Social Relations, Literature and Publications, Spiritual Life, and Missionary Education. Motion was made by Mrs. McSween, seconded and carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Goldthwait and seconded that if needed $50.00 be taken from the Christian Social Relations Fund to bear the expenses of a delegate to the Dallas meeting from the Central Jurisdiction. Carried.

The following were named as alternates: To the meetings in Dallas: Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, and Mrs. S. P. Spates.

The president appointed a resolutions committee consisting of Mrs. A. F. Hanson and T. M. Ellis.

Motion was made by Mrs. F. C. Haley and seconded that the expense of one car from each District, to the Seminar at McDonell Methodist Center, or wherever the meeting is held, be paid by the Conference and that the Districts pay for the meals of the persons who attend from their Districts. Carried.

It was suggested that these persons be the president, Promotion secretary, Christian Social Relations secretary and any other who can go.

This completed the business and the Committee adjourned for dinner.

DINNER

Another delicious dinner was served by the Crowley Society to the Committee. The blessing was asked by Rev. Louis Hoffpauir. Following the meal, Mrs. Jones thanked the Circle who served it.

The committee assembled in the sanctuary for the closing moments. The president read a special delivery letter from Mrs. Minza Rabun, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, which she had just received, enclosing the Guild report.

The question of Miss Alexa McCain's support or pension was discussed. The president was directed to write a letter to the Emergency Pension Board asking that they review her case.

A circle of prayer was formed about the altar, and after a season of prayer, the Committee stood adjourned.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, President
Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Recording Secretary.

App.: Mrs. J. T. Eubank
Mrs. W. C. McDonald

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

MARCH 1, 1956

PRE-ANNUAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met for a brief session and supper at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, at 5:30 p.m. on March 1, 1956. The reception rooms and tables were gay with spring flowers. A delicious meal was served, a courtesy of Noel Memorial, Broadmoor, Cedar Grove, Curtis Park and

Barksdale Societies. A business session followed immediately, with the following members present:

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. C. B. McEachern, Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Robley W. Davis, Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. W. F. Manning Jr., Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Mrs. James T. Harris, Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. W. E. Trice, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. P. D. Lambert Jr., Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. L. H. Cashen, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Miss Ola Mae Pennington, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Otis Welch, Mrs. F. C. Haley, Mrs. M. G. Bryant, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, and Mrs. J. T. Eubank.

After brief introductions, the Committee assembled in the parlor for the business session, which was opened with prayer, led by Mrs. G. W. Dameron.

New members of the Committee were welcomed; committees were appointed for the Annual Meeting.

An invitation was presented by the president, Mrs. Jones, to hold the mid-year meeting in Houma on October 3 and 4, 1956. It was so ordered. Mrs. G. W. Dameron, member of the Board of Missions spoke of changes being made for the coming quadrennium. (See report of business session.)

Dates for the District Meetings were announced, at which time Miss Nina Stallings, a retired missionary to Japan and more recently to the Philippines will itinerate. They were:

April 3	New Orleans	Munholland Memorial
April 4	Baton Rouge	Franklinton
April 5	Lafayette	New Iberia
April 6	Lake Charles	Sulphur
April 10	Alexandria	First Church, Alexandria
April 11	Monroe	Bastrop
April 12	Ruston	Lisbon
April 13	Shreveport	Broadmoor, Shreveport

Mrs. Robley Davis, Secretary of Missionary Education, announced the dates of the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah to be June 18-23, 1956. The following officers are expected to attend:

Vice president	Missionary Education
Promotion	Spiritual Life
Recording secretary	Wesleyan Service Guild
Christian Social Relations	Literature and Publications

The remaining places of the quota of 20 will be filled by District officers in the same lines of work.

Mrs. Goldthwait, secretary of Christian Social Relations made mention of the limited space at Mt. Sequoyah, and suggested exchange students at Gulf Side, the Central Jurisdiction School of Missions. The meetings are at the same time.

Changes in the Conference by-laws were discussed. Motion was made by Mrs. Tidwell and seconded that Mrs. Wideman Watson, secretary of Literature and Publications be appointed publicity chairman for the coming year. Carried.

Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, spoke briefly of her department, particularly the coupons for St. Marks.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, explained the close connection between the Guild and the Woman's Societies.

Mrs. Jas. T. Harris, secretary of Missionary Personnel, reported on plans for a Conference missionary tour in the near future.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sexton that the Research committee bring in names for the Jurisdiction delegates. It was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sexton closed the session with prayer.

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OF THE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

MARCH 2, 1956

The sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service convened in First Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Friday, March 2, 1956, at 9:00 a.m. in a streamlined session following the Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, Mrs. C. I. Jones, president, presiding.

Following an organ prelude, the hymn "Draw Thou My Soul" was sung. The president declared the Annual Meeting in session by the sounding of the gavel.

The opening worship was conducted by Mrs. Glenn Bryant, president of the Shreveport District Society, who read Psalm 103 and offered prayer.

The officers, delegates and visitors were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Andrew L. Thomas, president of the local society.

The Recording secretary read the committee appointments as follows:

Journal:
Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Mrs. C. B. McEachern

Tellers, Group A:
Mrs. John B. Entrikin
Mrs. C. E. Gardiner
Mrs. J. B. Mouton
Mrs. James Grant
Mrs. L. G. Raub

Tellers, Group B:
Mrs. C. O. Day
Mrs. John Lewis
Mrs. Wm. Lazauskas
Mrs. George Hudson
Mrs. Belden Fox

Resolutions:
Mrs. James T. Harris
Mrs. Robley Davis
Mrs. W. W. Paxton

Courtesies:
Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter

The secretary reported that the mid-year Executive Committee meeting was held in Crowley October 11, 12, 1955. The recommendations from this meeting will be presented by the chairman of the by-laws committee.

Mrs. Stewart, Recording secretary, read her annual report and referred the delegates to the Annual Report for the record of cost and distribution of the Annual Reports.

Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton reported for the Research Committee, this being election year for half the officers. The following names were offered:

Vice president: Mrs. T. M. Ellis; Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy.

Recording secretary: Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas; Mrs. J. C. Whitaker.

Secretaries:

Promotion: Mrs. Roy Dugas; Mrs. Lee Tidwell.

Missionary Education: Mrs. D. F. Davis; Mrs. Robley Davis.

Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Maurice Tatum.

Literature and Publications: Mrs. B. F. Patterson; Mrs. Wideman Watson.

Supply Work: Mrs. C. B. McGowan; Mrs. Ethel Yancey.

Spiritual Life: Mrs. Lonnie Clark; Mrs. W. W. Paxton.

Ballot was taken, which resulted in the election of the following:

Vice president—Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy.

Recording secretary—Mrs. J. C. Whitaker.

Secretaries:

Promotion—Mrs. Lee Tidwell.

Missionary Education—Mrs. Robley Davis.

Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Maurice Tatum.

Literature and Publications—Mrs. Wideman Watson.

Supply Work—Mrs. C. B. McGowan.

Spiritual Life—Mrs. W. W. Paxton.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, a member of the Board of Missions was presented. She spoke concerning the Woman's Division and some changes in the pattern of work the coming quadrennium. She mentioned that with the exception of the treasurer, there will be only three reports a year, and an Annual report from those officers who need it. The reports will be a Fall, Winter, and June. She urged the delegates to order new report books.

Also that the District president will be the only voting members of the Conference Executive Committee; that Missionary Projects will no longer be known by that name. A secretary of Missionary Service in the Conference and Districts may be elected in the new quadrennium.

That probably Local Church Activities will be removed from Christian Social Relations, and the duties of that office assumed by the secretary of Promotion.

Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, chairman of the committee on Constitution and by-laws brought suggested changes approved by the Executive Committee:

Art. 1, p. 88. Delete the part of the first sentence after comma making it read "Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years". Add "No officer may immediately succeed herself in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer, who may be elected one additional term. The term of office of all officers shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report."

Art. II, Sec. 2. Delete present section and substitute "When three years or more of an unexpired term of office is filled in a Conference office it shall constitute a full term of office."

Art. III, Sec. 1. Second paragraph. Make by-laws agree with that of the Division, as follows "The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be the co-ordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference, and shall determine the officer responsible for publicity in the press."

Art. III, Sec. 2. Change this to read "There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, and the secretary of Promotion and Status of Women and the Chairman of the Research Committee. This committee shall have the power to serve as an Ad Interim Committee."

Art. IV, Sec. 3. Change first sentence to read "Sixty cents per member shall be set aside for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of the end of the fourth quarter of the preceding year."

Art. V, Sec. 2. Add "One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with privilege of re-election. The term of all officers shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report." Change the last sentence in this paragraph to read "The District Society shall determine the method of election of its officers."

Art. VI, Sec. 8. Delete completely, and substitute the following:

(a) "An Advisory Committee shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work in the conference where there are one or more Rural Work Projects. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of Missionary Education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the District Superintendents of Districts in which Rural Workers are located, and one or more member-at-large. The Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Rural Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Rural Deaconess shall report quarterly to the Rural Advisory Committee, who shall direct her work.

(b) There shall be a set up in each District where there is a Rural Worker a District Advisory sub-committee, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the District, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee may wish to add. The sub-committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District."

Art. VI, Sec. 13. To conform with the by-laws of the Division, add "There shall be a committee on Annual Meeting Program, composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually."

Art. VII, Sec. 1. Strike out the word "Typed" so that it shall read "and copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates."

Standing Rules, Page 94

Transfer from the Standing Rules for Local Societies rules Nos. 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 to Standing Rules for the Conference, renumbering each list.

Mrs. Goldthwait moved the adoption, was seconded and carried.

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, general chairman of the Conference, made announcements relative to luncheon.

Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, secretary of Supply Work for the South Central Jurisdiction, presented the Conference Workers, each of whom spoke briefly concerning their work. Those presented were: Miss Ann Adams of Northwestern State College Wesley Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson of Dulac Indian Mission; Miss Hazel Cooper of Business Girls Inn, Shreveport; Miss Anne Coucoules, MacDonell Methodist Center; Miss Fae Daves and Miss Carolyn Grisham, St. Marks Community Center; Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley of Louisiana Tech. Wesley Foundation; Miss Shiela Nuttall and Miss Elizabeth Thompson Rural Workers in Louisiana; Rev. Robert Parrott of Wesley Foundation, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, and Miss Lelia Robinson of Sager Brown Home and Godwin School, Baldwin.

The hymn "Awake, Awake to Love and Work," was sung.

"Growth through the Districts" was presented by Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Conference secretary of Promotion, assisted by the District secretaries of Promotion: Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas, Mrs. L. H. Cashen, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. F. C. Haley, and Mrs. W. C. McDonald. They emphasized the "Sixteenth Anniversary" of the society, comparing it to that of a sixteen year old girl.

The Conference society now has 15,252 members in 328 societies. Special recognition was given the three Districts with 100% organization: Lake Charles. Ruston and Shreveport.

This being the year for the election of six delegates to the South Central Jurisdiction, it was explained that three are elected by office: the president, the treasurer, and the secretary of Promotion. Mrs. George Sexton, Research chairman, presented seven names for the three delegates to be elected by name. Ballot was spread, which resulted in the election of Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. Maurice Tatum and Mrs. J. T. Harris as the delegates, and Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. D. W. Poole, and Mrs. A. F. Hanson as alternates.

A meeting place for 1957 was called for. Invitation was offered by Mrs. D. O. Cardwell to come to First Church Alexandria next year, which was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, chairman of courtesies presented honored guests, pastors and pastors' wives.

The quiet hour was introduced by a vocal solo "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" sung by Miss Sue Sandlin of Centenary College. Mrs. Dana Dawson, wife of the Bishop of the Kansas Area was presented, who used as her subject "Going on to Perfection," or "What Kind of a Christian Are You"? She said "most speakers have only one message. They just dress it in different words." She brought out that there are Christians who are just church members, and there are those who love their church, and seek to improve their standing and that of those around them. She dismissed the congregation with prayer.

LUNCHEON

At beautifully appointed tables, the delegates and guests were served a delicious meal. The invocation was given by Bishop Paul Martin. Bishop of the Louisiana-Arkansas area. Mrs. C. B. McEachern, vice-president presided. During the meal Mrs. McEachern presented for the Conference honorary membership pins to retiring officers who had served one term. They were Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, and Mrs. E. E. Stewart. A Life Patron membership was presented to Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait who was completing an eight year term.

Vocal solos were sung by Miss Iris Reaves, accompanied by Mr. Jim Lamberson. Mrs. McEaehern then presented Mrs. Harold Soulen, vice-president of the South Central Jurisdiction, who spoke briefly of the World Federation of Methodist Women. She told her listeners that this was a friendship group that crosses the barriers of race and geography. It is a band of sisterhood that has produced such women as Sarah Chakko, and Helen Kim. She made mention of the women from other lands who are at the head of the organization.

Mrs. Paul E. Martin gave the benedictory prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Following an organ prelude, the hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" was sung. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey read two selections from Philippians and offered prayer.

The Officers Hour was presented, using as the subject "Through Mine—Let Thy Life Shine. "The group used an enlarged treasurer's report as the means of presenting their reports. Each officer pointed out the part her office filled on the blank. Those taking part were: Vice-president, Mrs. C. B. McEachern; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Robley Davis; Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait; Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Minza Rabun; Secretary of the Student Work, Mrs. D. W. Poole; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr.; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. S. E. Richardson; Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Geo. E. Powell; Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. A. F. Hanson; Secretary

of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Jas. T. Harris; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. W. Paxton; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Wideman Watson; and treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween.

The pledge service was conducted by Mrs. McSween, assisted by District representatives Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Miss Ola Mae Pennington, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Mrs. George Grafton and Mrs. J. T. Eubank.

The pledges by Districts were:

Alexandria	$8,805.00	Monroe	$15,170.00
Baton Rouge	15,620.00	New Orleans	11,560.00
Lafayette	7,500.00	Ruston	13,015.00
Lake Charles	11,155.00	Shreveport	22,375.00

Total pledged $105,100.00

The vice-president took the chair while the president, Mrs. C. I. Jones, read her annual message. The message in full will be found on page 31. A resolution was presented by Mrs. Goldthwait as follows:

"WHEREAS, Bishop Paul E. Martin, is finishing another quadrennium of service on the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area; and,

WHEREAS, his leadership has inspired confidence on the part of both ministers and laymen; and,

WHEREAS, the program of the Methodist Church in this area has made phenomenal strides under his supervision; and,

WHEREAS, he is held in the highest esteem, respect, and love in the hearts of the Methodists in both Louisiana and Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Martin and his lovely wife and companion have furnished for every parsonage home a beautiful example of Christian fellowship, always showing a genuine interest in the personal welfare of all to whom they minister;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service in session in Shreveport, Louisiana, on March 2, 1956, respectfully request the Episcopal Committee on Area Assignments to reassign Bishop and Mrs. Paul Martin for a fourth quadrennium to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area."

Mrs. Goldthwait moved its adoption, and was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report as follows:

"We wish to say 'Thank You' from the depth of our hearts for the bountiful and gracious hospitality that has been accorded us from the moment we entered your lovely city and church.

Since so many persons have contributed to our comfort, happiness and spiritual nurture, we hesitate to even begin to call names. Long after we return to our homes we shall cherish the memory of this day.

Again, from our hearts, thank you."

Mrs. James T. Harris, Chairman
Mrs. Robley Davis
Mrs. W. W. Paxton.

The president declared the sixteenth annual meeting closed, and the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, President
Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Recording Secretary

A brief Executive meeting was held at the close of the Annual Meeting for the purpose of setting a date for Officers Training Day. There being no further business, the Committee was dismissed with a prayer.

Approved: Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Mrs. C. B. McEachern

PRESIDENT'S MISSIONARY MESSAGE

One of the greatest privileges which comes to church women, many agree, is the opportunity of seeing the work of the church in action. Miss Marian Derby, Executive Secretary of Latin America, was speaking recently of Missionaries. There are many kinds she stated. There are those highly privileged people who dedicate themselves as full-time Christian workers and are commissioned by a Bishop at what is always spoken of as the most impressive of all services of the Board of Missions, or regarded as the climax of the Assembly of Women's Division of Christian Service.

The Executive Secretaries are called Missionaries. Many of them have been commissioned and active on the field. May I describe them as the best experts we can find to carry on the work of the church. They go out to undergird, and incidentally they teach us all they can about missions.

Then the Bishops are sent as Missionaries carrying evangelistic messages with love and inspiration to the foreign fields. And now the lay person is termed a missionary, especially when he or she travels to foreign countries and visits the work of the World Division of the Church Institutions of the Woman's Division.

Some of our students attending the Athens Conference, returned telling that they had been impressed with the idea that they must accept the responsibility of each one thinking of himself as a missionary in every day life.

It was an especial privilege to be invited to attend the Brazil General Conference in Rio de Janiero and to meet Bishop and Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt there in order to visit our work in Latin America. Four different Sundays, I heard the Bishop preach in Methodist Churches widely separated by thousands of miles. In the tradition of John Wesley, Bishop Holt has preached in many places. Air travel has made circuit riding different than in Wesley's time in the eighteenth century. Bishop Holt, who recently received the citation of the "Christian of the World" from the Upper Room, is president of the World Council of Methodists. He is trying to visit the World Family of Methodists with its more than sixteen million members. Our own Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin also have visited many of them.

Since I was to arrive in Rio two days before Bishop Holt and his lovely wife, Bishop Paul E. Martin, thoughtful as always, wrote to three different missionaries in order that I should surely be met. It was Reverend Robert Wisdom who met my plane on that sunny morning in July. It circled into one of the world's most beautiful harbors with its Sugar Loaf mountain jutting out to sea on one side, and on the other the Cocovadus, statue of the Christ with outstretched arms, high up on a mountain overlooking the city.

Rev. Wisdom took me to the Peoples Central Institute, to visit a Louisiana Supply project. Here in the heart of the slums of Rio, we find in this joint project of the Woman's Division and Division of World Missions of the Church, an educational—social—evangelistic center with school buildings, dormitories, St. John's Church, a clinic, a milk depot and the homes of Missionaries. It was here that I spent my first night in Rio. After lunch, we went up on Thieves Hill, back of the buildings to see an International Work Camp. Ten students from as many Universities of the United States had paid their own transportation to come to Rio to live in the school dormitories, and ten Brazilian students had also come. They worked together building roads, walks, culverts, and many from the seventy families being benefitted, also joined in working on this International Work Camp project.

Then we went to attend the General Conference across town. The Council of Bishops had appointed Bishop Holt to represent them at this meeting of the Brazilian Methodist Church, which has been autonomous since 1930, and convenes every five years. Here Bishop Caesar De Corso, their first Bishop was presiding and the report came that during the past five years, a new

church building had been completed every twenty-one days and a new parsonage every forty-four days. There are now more than forty thousand Methodists in Barzil.

The Conference was held at Bennett College where there is a beautiful campus enclosed by many excellent buildings and almost surrounded by a handsome high cast-iron fence. Bennett College offers kindergarten, primary, high school and three years of College. The Bennett choir of its Sacred School of Music is much is demand for concerts and radio, and you doubtless remember, it was planned that a part of the 1955 Week of Prayer Offering would help to build a Chapel at Bennett College.

It was at the General Conference that we met Mrs. Ottilia de O. Chaves, president of the World Federation of Methodist Women, and heard it often said that if she had been a man, she would have been elected a bishop years ago. Mrs. Chaves will preside at Lake Junaluska at the meeting August 27-31. She translates the Upper Room into the Portuguese language for her people. Her husband is not only a graduate of the Brazilian Methodist Seminary of Sao Paulo, but has a degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. We met her sister and husband, the Bishop Sante Umberto Barbieri of Argentina, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches.

We attended the dedication of the new sanctuary of the Campo Grande Methodist Church, and I was surprised to be given a seat of honor. They had learned that I was from Louisiana, and their Missionary minister, the Reverend Saunders, and his lovely wife have been supported for many years by a Men's Bible Class of Noel Memorial Church in Shreveport.

When asked to tell my impressions from a laywoman's point of view, I recalled the delightful friendliness of the Brazilian people. I was also impressed by the devout reverence shown by them in all church services. What a privilege it was to worship in the famous and beloved old Catete Church where their first Bishop had been ordained. We bowed as their three new Bishops were ordained and the two Deaconesses were commissioned. How heart-warming it was to see the missionaries as they worked with loving concern and interest for, and with the people, and also to see the love and esteem of those of the foreign countries for the missionaries.

My first days at Bennett, I roamed with a ninety year young missionary from North Georgia who laughingly told that she had used her burial money to come back to Brazil to attend the Conference, to visit former pupils, some of whom were now Generals and Admirals, and to also attend the seventieth anniversary of Collegio Americano at Puerto Alegre in its beautiful new building.

At the coffee fellowship following the special service arranged in order that Bishop Holt might preach in Puerto Alegre, we were charmed with an attractive young Brazilian woman, Miss Maria Glisina Fernandez, who had volunteered to become a missionary, and has since gone to Peru to work among the Indians.

In the beautiful subdivision, San Amaro of Sao Paulo, which is reputedly the fastest growing city in the world, we enjoyed staying at our Methodist Institute, where the Deaconesses receive their training. This also is a Louisiana Supply project this year.

I was glad to hear of the excellent International Language School at Campinas, where all new Missionaries to Brazil spend their first year in learning to speak the Portuguese language correctly, which fact lends prestige both to the Missionaries and to Protestant churches and schools.

We journeyed to visit Piracicabano Colegio where there are more than a thousand students. All schools in Latin America seem to have achieved great prestige. I was greatly impressed by the many beautiful school buildings owned by the Woman's Division and Board of Missions. The Missionaries are delightful, charming, consecrated people, many of them second and some third generation Missionaries.

In Montevideo, Uruguay, we found both large and small churches. Friendship House, a community center serves in a slum district, and the very fine school Crandon draws the elite. Miss Violeta Cavallero of the Christian Social Relations International Team is a teacher at Crandon, having been a Crusade Scholar at Scarritt College, Nashville.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, Bishop Holt preached in a large cathedral-like church, said to be the first Protestant church ever built in the southern hemisphere. Union Theological Seminary also in Buenos Aires which is interdenominational and supported both by our Church and Woman's Division, has the finest library of New Testaments in Spanish in the world. Here we enjoyed meeting Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockwell of the missionary family of Stockwells, and Dr. John Norris, a minister ordained by our Louisiana Conference.

In Chile, we visited Sweet Memorial Institute in the slums, and beautiful Santiago College for girls. A former Tulane-Wesley Foundation couple accompanied us upon a comfortable overnight train journey into the resort lake country of southern Chile. We visited Nueva Imperial, another project of both Church and Woman's Division. David Lowry had been ordained a minister in the Louisiana Conference in June of 1954, and Mary Sue, his wife had already graduated from Tulane Medical School. Dr. Mary Sue, the only doctor there to serve more than six thousand people, had two native nurses to help her in her clinic. I was told that in that community, there are thirty-one public schools, and all of the teachers are natives and Methodists. A young missionary couple commissioned at Buck Hill Falls this January have gone to southern Chile to help the Lowry's with the churches and clinic. Further south is the school and farm El Vergel, also a cooperative project which recently received a citation from the Chilean government for being of great value to the people.

Lima Girls' High School called Colegio Maria Alvarado also has excellent school buildings, and an enrollment close to seven hundred girls.

It was heartening to find so many young missionaries on the field, young women, young men and young couples. It is thrilling to see that idealistic youth will invest their talents where they count for most. Bishop Holt said he firmly believes that a missionary can make the greatest life for himself that is possible for any person. God calls—He needs hearts, minds, hands to fashion out the world that is to be.

In olden days, a person of high concern would undergo the discipline of holiness. John Wesley formed a Holy Club, joining in a holy fellowship; and in a planned discipline with his fellows of like spirit, they worked for "the glory of God."

It may be said of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that a new way of holy discipline is being shaped, for we women would try to sense a greater glory that might invest all of life, and with like minded women we would work for the greater enrichment of life for others. Self dedication and self discipline takes many forms. The important thing according to Mr. H. A. Overstreet in writing "The Mature Mind" is that individuals should lend themselves, heart and soul to something beyond their own ego-satisfactions. Today we are a consecrated group conscientiously trying to do the things that need to be done. We dedicate our hearts, our hands, our minds to help God build His Kingdom according to God's plan and purpose. We discipline our lives for the Divine commission comes down to us, not only through Matthew's gospel, as He said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" but J. B. Phillips translates Luke's writings in Acts, with Jesus having said: "You will be witnesses to me, not only in Jerusalem, not only in Judea, not only in Samaria, but to the very ends of the earth. And thus Jesus commissions us—His twentieth century disciples—"That the World May Know" of His Redemptive Love.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS*

The work of the Vice-President is of tremendous importance to the entire program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. As she is expected to assist the President in promoting all phases of the work, she should be thoroughly acquainted with the purpose and work of the Woman's Society. The significance of her leadership in the areas of program building and interpreting the World Federation of Methodist Women can not be emphasized too greatly. The obligation to stretch minds, kindle imagination, lift horizons, secure action, presents a challenge in all levels of the work. Religious conviction, optimism, courage, sympathetic interest in people, willingness to work, enthusiasm for missions, ability to cooperate, resourcefulness, sense of stewardship, plus a keen sense of humor--all are qualities which the Vice-President should possess.

Therefore, the recommendations for Vice-President are:

1. In order to serve in the absence of the President, she must know parliamentary law and be able to preside with dignity and efficiency. She should know the organizational setup and all the interrelations. She must read the **Methodist Woman** and the **World Outlook** to keep informed concerning new plans. She must be familiar with the Annual Report of the Woman's Division and with **The Guide.**
2. The Vice-President should seek every opportunity for further training by attending Officer's Training Day, District Seminar, School of Missions, and Conference Meetings.
3. The Vice-President coordinates, clarifies, and promotes the monthly program materials published by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. In the local Society she serves as Chairman of the Program Committee, but the Committee as a whole should develop all the programs, each one contributing her best thinking and most creative ideas. It should always be stressed that a beautifully planned program, perfectly presented, is absolutely useless unless it motivates action. The Committee should meet quarterly to evaluate and to make further plans for the Society.
4. The Vice-President helps to strengthen the ecumenical movement by sharing information concerning the World Federation of Methodist Women. This should be presented once each quarter in every Society.
5. The Vice-President should take her reporting seriously and she should see that the reports are made out correctly, fully, and sent in on time!

*Adapted from the Handbook for Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. C. B. McEachern
Louisiana Conference Vice-President

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Since our last meeting your Recording Secretary has edited and mailed 800 copies of the Annual Report; mailed 384 notices of the Annual Meeting; notified all officers and secretaries of all meetings; recorded the Minutes for Executive Committee and the Annual Meeting, and served on the By-Laws and Program Committees for the Conference.

The work of the recording secretary is to record history. I hope each of you will keep on file the Annual Report for the present and past years. It is truly a historical record. I trust you will study it to inform yourself of all the phases of our work, that we may inspire anew as we review the work done by Christian women for missions. Study it also to learn the names of the women at the head of the organization, and something of

the work that is done. The officers recommendations are plans for the year, become familiar with them that you may make them your plans, too.

Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Recording Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL REPORT

On May 15, 1955, we contracted with the Drake Printing Co., of Shreveport to print 800 copies of the Annual Report at $7.00 per page, and $28.00 for the covers. The reports were delivered on July 1, 1955 with the following invoice attached:

124 pages @ $7.00	$868.00	
Covers for same	28.00	
Two picture cuts	10.46	
	$906.46	$906.46
The expense of mailing same:		
Envelopes	$ 18.45	
Stamps	44.97	
	$ 62.92	$62.92
Sold for cash	21.50	−21.50
Total cost		$947.88

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These were distributed as follows:

President of Woman's Division, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks	1
The Woman's Division	1
Jurisdiction president and officers in Louisiana Conference	3
Conference Officers (2 each)	32
Workers in Louisiana Conference	14
Missionaries from Louisiana in foreign field	4
Deaconesses and Contract Workers from Louisiana	9
Retired Workers from Louisiana	8
District officers	120
Ex-officio member of Executive Committee	1
Bishop Paul E. Martin	1
Secretary of Louisiana Annual Conference	1
Louisiana Methodist	1
Methodist Information	1
District Superintendents	8
Mothers of new workers	2
Local presidents of WSCS	324
Zone leaders	29
Presidents of WSG	92
District Secretaries of Promotion (for promotion)	72
File copies	2
Guild Conference secretary	1
Guilds for Promotion	5
Miss Shiela Nuttall (for Promotion)	7
Replaced where secretaries did not receive copy	8
Sold for cash	43
On hand	11
	800

Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Chairman
Mrs. C. I. Jones
Mrs. J. H. McSween
Mrs. Minza Rabun
Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Recommends:

1. That the pledge to Missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1956-1957 be $96,000.00, including a supplementary gift of $345.00 for Miss Elizabeth Thompson.

2. That the Districts' pledge to Conference be:

Alexandria	$ 8,805.00
Baton Rouge	15,620.00
Lafayette	7,500.00
Lake Charles	11,155.00
Monroe	15,070.00
New Orleans	11,560.00
Ruston	13,015.00
Shreveport	22,375.00
	$105,100.00

3. That the budget for 1956-1957 be as follows:

Officers' Expense	$ 900.00
Annual Meeting	1,200.00
Mid-year Executive meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction meeting	500.00
Conference School of Missions	600.00
Officers' Clinic at School of Missions	200.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	500.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
CSR Workshop	75.00
Christian Career Clinics	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Co-operative Meetings	300.00
Student Regional Conference	100.00
Annual Minutes	1,000.00
Officers Training Day	275.00
Division Cultivation	40.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	475.00
Wesleyan Service Guild Cultivation	963.00
Miscellaneous	622.00
	$9,100.00

4. That the budget for the Conference School of Missions be increased $100.00.

5. That an adding machine be purchased for use by the Conference Treasurer.

6. That special stress and emphasis again be placed on the fact that the responsibility for raising funds in the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church rests with the Finance Committee.

7. That, because this is the last year of this quadrennium, a special effort be made to reach the goal of $500,000 increase for the four year period.

   a. By emptying the treasuries in the local Woman's Society of Christian Serviee.

   b. By giving Honorary Memberships to those officers who are finishing their term of Service.

   c. By further use of the Treasure Chests and an ingathering of gifts made through them.

d. By studying the article on "Unmet Needs" that is scheduled to appear in the April issue of The Methodist Woman and by distributing reprints of the article.

e. By carrying out other plans initiated by the Finance Committee in the local Woman's Society of Christian Service.

f. By carefully guarding the funds of the Woman's Society against dissipation into projects for which the Woman's Society of Christian Service is not responsible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

May 17, 1955 — May 16, 1956

	Balance	Additions	Deductions	Balance
Balance in Bank	$3,004.05	$150,957.47	$149,945.92	$4,015.60
Savings, Rapides Bldg. & Loan Ass'n.	3,000.00			3,000.00
	6,004.05	$150,957.47	$149,945.92	$7,015.60
Designated Funds:				
Alcohol Education		3,326.45	3,000.00	326.45
Transient Funds	5.00	639.60	509.96	134.64
Cultivation Fund	$5,999.05	7,520.00	7,305.57	
Returns to Cultivation:				
South Central Juris. Board of Missions, Mrs. Jones		50.46		
Town & Country Com.		34.48		
Dividends, Rapides Bldg. & Loan Ass'n.		120.00		
Juris. School of Missions		11.76		
Minutes Sold		33.50		
Officers Expense, Mrs. Coorpender		8.48		
Officers Clinic		44.83		
Subsidy CSR Seminar		20.00		
Guild Weekend		17.52		6,554 51
	$6,004.05	$ 11,827.08	$ 10,815.53	$7,015.60

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:

Balance in Bank May 17, 1955 ..... $3,004.05
Savings, Rapides Bldg. & Loan Ass'n. May 17, 1955 ..... 3,000.00

Districts	Amount Pledged	Paid on Pledge
Alexandria	$ 8,620.00	$ 10,259.10
Baton Rouge	14,100.00	15,349.74
Lafayette	7,188.00	8,091.33
Lake Charles	11,264.00	12,451.35
Monroe	16,398.00	15,982.66
New Orleans	12,188.00	13,286.51
Ruston	13,060.00	13,752.81
Shreveport	19,500.00	27,942.87
	$102,318.00	$117,116.37
Guild Annual Meeting		262.20*

(Lela Norris Scholarship)			
TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE		$117,378.57	
Children	501.32		
MYF	3,974.47	4,475.79	
TOTAL PAID ON APPROPRIATIONS		$121,854.36	
Cash for Supply Work		16,530.21	
Week of Prayer		8,262.52	
Alcohol Education Fund		3,326.45	
Returns to Cultivation		341.03	
Supplementary, Deaconesses Fund		3.30	
Transient Funds		639.60	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			$150,957.47
(Less reserve for cultivation $7,520.00)			
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR			$156,961.52
Disbursements:			
To Woman's Division of Christian Service:			
WSCS			
Pledge	$77,972.71		
In Remembrance	726.50		
Jurisdiction Project	1,719.13		
Treasure Chest	3,185.43		
Lenten Offering	17.60		
Memberships	11,826.00		
Christmas Offering	27.05		
World Literacy	50.00	95,524.42	
WSG			
Pledge	11,620.01		
In Remembrance	75.00		
Jurisdiction Projects	143.14		
Treasure Chests	272.01		
Memberships	1,535.00		
Lela Norris Scholarship	334.49		
Christian Literature	3.00		
Christmas Offering	6.50	13,989.15	
TOTAL ON PLEDGE		109,513.57	
Children	501.32		
MYF	3,974.47	4,475.79	
TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS		$113,989.36	
Week of Prayer WSCS		7,171.43	
Week of Prayer Guild		1,091.09	
Cash for Supply Work WSCS		14,249.58	
Cash for Supply Work Guild		2,280.63	
Supplementary:			
Deaconesses Fund	3.30		
Elizabeth Thompson	345.00	348.30	
Transient:			
Miss Frances Gaby	10.00		
Pins	10.50		
World Literacy	20.13	40.63	
TOTAL TO WOMAN'S DIVISION		$139,171.02	
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation		3,000.00	
Transient Funds		459.33	

Conference Cultivation	Budgeted	Disbursed
Officers Expense	$ 750.00	$1,006.58**
Annual Meeting	900.00	503.54
Midyear Executive Meeting	250.00	192.76
Jurisdiction Meeting	350.00	138.69
Conference School of Missions	500.00	534.84
Officers Clinic	200.00	200.00**
Jurisdiction School of Missions	450.00	407.45
Christian Social Relations	300.00	300.00
CSR Workshop	60.00	60.00
Annual Minutes	850.00	943.04**
Student Regional Conference	75.00	
Christian Career Clinics	200.00	
Conference Youth Director	600.00	
Cooperatives Meetings	250.00	254.00**
Deaconesses Meetings	250.00	
Officers Training Day	150.00	
WSG Cultivation	700.00	819.97
Division Cultivation	40.00	38.48
Jurisdiction Cultivation	475.00	538.68
Miscellaneous	170.00	1,367.54***
	$7,520.00	$ 7,305.57

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$149,945.92
Balance in Bank May 16, 1956	4,015.60
Balance, Savings Rapides Building & Loan Ass'n.	3,000.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR	$156,961.52

*Love offering taken at Guild Annual Meeting and given in memory of Mr. Peters, father of Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, La., Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

**Denotes refund to these accounts. See amount under "Designated Funds."

***Detailed Miscellaneous Disbursements.

Jurisdictional luncheon	$ 300.00
Premiums on Treasurers bonds	51.76
Stationery	92.18
Mileage CSR Workshop	120.59
Mileage program committee	17.27
Expense Research Committee	88.67
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	294.07
Elizabeth Thompson	403.00
	$1,367.54

Respectifully submitted,
Mrs. J. H. McSween,
Conference Treasurer
May 20, 1956.

PROMOTION REPORT

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary

As we view the progress of the year just past, we can be justifiably proud of the increases along many lines, yet we can see goals to be achieved in the coming year. Since our last printed report, which was made after the third quarter of last year, two districts have become 100% organized—Ruston district in the 4th quarter of 1954-55, and Shreveport district in the first quarter of the year just completed. This brings us to a total of three districts which are 100% organized—Lake Charles, Ruston and Shreveport.

This last quarter we achieved another standard for which we have been striving for four years—100% reporting for the entire conference.

Our membership gains have been steady, but not so great as we had hoped, with a net gain of 288 members in the society, net loss of 3 members in the guild, and a net gain of 9 district members, with an overall gain of 294 adult members. Our total adult membership is 15,688.

We have a net gain of 14 societies, with a total of 337. Our guilds number 93. Seven Circuits and twenty-four churches became organized last year, reducing our total of unorganized circuits to 37, unorganized churches to 54.

In our upward reach toward "The Spirit of Christ—FOR ALL OF LIFE," we know that we must bring to every Methodist woman in our conference the opportunity to share in this fellowship which enriches our lives in so many ways.

FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT

Organization	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference Totals
No. Societies	44	57	27	30	51	36	45	47	337
Net Gain	2	0	3	3	-1	0	0	0	7
No. Guilds	12	12	5	12	11	10	11	20	93
Net gain	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
No. Unorganized circuits	11	9	5	0	9	3	0	0	37
No. Unorganized Churches	19	11	6	0	14	4	0	0	54
No. Soc. Rep.	44	57	27	30	51	36	45	47	337
% Reporting	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
New members W.S.C.S	55	52	47	35	31	56	33	54	363
Total Members W.S.C.S.	1190	2089	1100	1404	1895	1627	1647	2790	13,736
New Members Guild	1	27	0	23	2	5	19	18	95
Total Members Guild	196	251	83	251	279	211	249	355	1875
Dist. Memb.	3	0	6	7	0	2	34	25	77
Total Adult Members	1389	2340	1183	1662	2174	1840	1924	3170	15,688
Net gain Membership	52	98	35	30	-7	26	25	-15	227

Lake Charles, Ruston and Shreveport Districts 100% organized

Conference Totals for Years	1954-55	1955-56	Net Gain
No. of Societies	323	337	14
No. Guilds	93	93	0
No. of Members, W.S.C.S.	13,448	13,736	288
No. of Members, Guild	1,878	1,875	-3
No. of District Members	68	77	9
No. of Unorganized Circuits	44	37	7
No. of Unorganized Churches	78	54	24
Total Adult Membership	15,394	15,688	294

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That the quadrennial program "THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED" be brought to a climax in the Annual Meetings so that the women of the Conference, District and Local Societies will feel a sense of accomplishment.
   (It has been recommended to the Committees on Programs that they co-opt the Secretary of Promotion when planning this program)
2. That a special effort be made to secure new members by the close of the present quadrennium, May 31st, 1956. A goal of two million members is set, which means one new member for each seven present members.
3. That Secretaries of Promotion co-operate with Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service in lifting up the course "Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service" in their clinics in the Schools of Missions and Christian Service this year.
4. That Conference and District Secretaries of Promotion encourage the use of The Methodist Woman Magazine, frequently calling attention to the pages on "Organization and Promotion."
5. That suggestions and encouragement be given to local societies in the use of Audio Visual Materials.
6. That attendance at Conference, District, and Zone Meetings be encouraged for the inspiration and information to be gained at such meetings.
7. That all Conference and District officers be urged to assist in Officer Training Day in the local societies where possible.
8. That Conference Secretaries of Promotion encourage and assist the District Secretaries in achieving 100% organized Districts.
9. That an accurate record be kept of District Members and that a close, personal contact be maintained at all times. It is further recommended that suggestions and assistance be given in organizing societies to encompass District Members where possible.
10. That we continue to strive for 100% reporting—every society report in each period to the District Secretary of Promotion and each District Secretary reporting to the Conference Secretary of Promotion.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Our quadrennial theme, "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized," has been very well presented at the close of this quadrennium. Though we have not fully realized this goal, the year 1955-56 has been a most inspiring one as we have strived together to further His kingdom. One of our biggest joys has come in removing nine churches this year from our unorganized group-seven by formation of new societies and two by securing district members. Two of our zones are now 100% organized and two are working hard to make our whole district 100% in organization. Our new groups are; Bethel, Campti, Bay Hills, Hollins Chapel, Hopewell, Lewis Chapel, Marthaville, Pine Prairie, and St. Maurice. We have 1186 members in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and 195 in the Wesleyan Service Guild making a total of 1381 members.

Our district continues to increase its gifts to missions. Our pledge for the year was $8620.00 and we have sent a total of $10,248.57. Over $775.00 has been sent for the Week of Prayer and the district contributed almost $300.00 to the Alcohol Education Fund. Supply Askings have been

met in the district by the sending of $1100.00 to home and foreign institutions. We feel that the women of our district are gaining a broader concept of the need throughout the mission field and because of this knowledge are voluntarily giving of their worldly goods.

All societies are using the prescribed worship and program books and study classes have been especially good following a most excellent fall seminar in Pineville last September. Our district sent two representatives to a conference-wide Christian Social Relations Workshop held in New Orleans at St. Mark's and took part in a very timely meeting held at Trinity Church in Alexandria. The meeting was on World Understanding and was very capably presented through discussions and filmstrips.

Our Student, Youth and Children's Work continues to grow. A conference for children's workers was held at Camp Brewer in September of last year and plans are being made for one this year. The results are gratifying. The Methodist Youth groups are continuing to grow throughout the district and the student secretaries are keeping in closer contact with their students at college through personal letters and the Wesley Foundation Directors.

There are many prayer groups functioning throughout the district; the women feeling the need for prayer in all things. Week of Prayer and Self-Denial was observed in most societies. More stress is being put upon the Prayer Calendars with many groups beginning the daily use of them.

The Literature and Publications are very ably presented at all occasions. A very fine book room was displayed at the fall seminar and all societies are kept informed about new material. There are 403 subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and 154 to World Outlook. Eight societies report all officers subscribing to The Methodist Woman.

A very inspiring district conference was held at First Church in Alexandria. Reports were encouraging and the group were most thrilled by the speaker, Miss Nina Stallings. Eight new district officers were elected to insure an even better year coming now. Our district was well represented at the jurisdictional meeting and conference held in Shreveport. The spring zone meetings held in April and May were officers training days and the attendance and enthusiasm of the groups make us feel that the year 1956-57 will be the best yet.

Our future in the Alexandria District looks bright and we earnestly pray that the ladies in the unorganized churches in our district will catch a gleam of the joy and privilege that it is to serve our Lord in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. W. Tebow
District Secretary of Promotion

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

The year 1955-56 has been a good one in our district. We are proud that our District Pledge of $14,100.00 was met and overpaid; likewise our askings for Supply Work were met and overpaid. Treasure Chests were used by some the entire quadrennium, these helped us to go over the top.

We are proud of the above facts but money has not been uppermost in our thinking. Three new societies have been organized—Broadmoor, Independence and Port Allen. These were organized to complement newly organized churches. It is good to know that pastors and members realize that to be well rounded a church program must include a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

An excellent Seminar was held under the leadership of Mrs. Robt. McCammon, with Mrs. L. G. Raub in charge of the book-room. The studies were presented by the following:

Indian Americans—by Mrs. W. E. Trice, District President.

Five Spiritual Classes—by Mrs. Robt. McCommon, Secretary Missionary Educational Service.

To Combine our Efforts for Lasting Peace—by Mrs. A. O. Buckingham, Secretary C. S. R.

Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World—by Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, District Treasurer.

This district was fortunate in having three in attendance at the Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions and four district offieers in attendance at the Conference School of Missions at Centenary. Our President, Mrs. W. E. Trice, taught the course on Indian Americans.

Mrs. R. O. Coorpender was the delegate from Louisiana Conference to the National Seminar on World Understanding which was held in Kansas City. Four district officers attended the Conference workshop on World Understanding which was held in New Orleans. Follow-up workshops were held in the various zones with well over 200 in attendance.

For the second year, our district sponsored a Mission Tour for high school seniors. Twenty-six young people made this tour. They were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Ray deHainaut, Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Mrs. J. P. Woodland. Repeatedly we hear fine reports from this trip.

For convenience in attendance, retreats were held in opposite sections of the district. These were under the consecrated guidance of Mrs. Chester Semon of Shreveport. Deep spiritual blessings were the reward of all who attended.

The entire district celebrated the 15th anniversary of the W.S.C.S. In the fall zone meetings, Mrs. S. J. Fairchild gave a history of the district as she has seen it grow. Many societies wrote glowing accounts of their celebrations, entertaining new members and honoring charter members.

It has truly been a wonderful year. A great deal has been done, much remains to be done but we are looking forward to another year of service for our Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. T. M. Ellis
District Secretary of Promotion

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

As the quadrennium closes, Lafayette District is two years old—and growing. In many ways, this has been a busy year.

In meetings—we had a very fine Seminar in Franklin in September, which was most helpful. Our Fall Zone meetings stressed work with students and a report on the Town and Country Conference by our District president, who attended the Conference as a delegate. Spring Zone meetings emphasized officer training, held in Clinics by District officers. At our District meeting in New Iberia, the high light was having Miss Nina Stallings tell of her work in China and the Philippines.

An outstanding event of the year was an interracial workshop on World Understanding held in Lafayette at the Methodist Student Center, with great interest being evidenced. Among others on the program we were privileged to have native representatives from India, British Guiana, Gaza; also, Miss Gretchen Elston, returned J3 and life service volunteer for work in Japan.

In giving—our Supply askings were overpaid by $93.00, and our pledge for Missions was overpaid by $906.00.

In growing—this year shows an increase of 108 in membership. Four new Societies have been organized, two of them, Grand Isle and Raceland,

in newly organized Churches. The other two are Berwick and Lockport. This leaves 5 unorganized charges and 6 unorganized churches in Lafayette District. Our hope for the coming year is 100% organization.

As we grow in numbers and in giving, our prayer is that we may grow in spirit and in dedicated service for the Master—that the Kingdom of God may truly be realized.

Katherine Porter Thomas
Secretary of Promotion.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

A very successful Educational Seminar was held in September in Simpson Church under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., our District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, with an attendance of 150. The four studies were presented with great interest by Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, Mrs. Jack Winegeart, Mrs. Carl Brunson and Mrs. W. W. Paxton. As a result there was more interest in the mission studies throughout the year. There has been definite progress in Jurisdiction and Efficiency classes. We invited representatives from the negro churches and had two who attended.

Our annual District Meeting was held in Sulphur in April with an attendance of 125. Our guests were Miss Nina Stallings, missionary from the Philippines, and Mrs. C. I. Jones, our Conference President. Mrs. E. A. Doland, the District Program Chairman, planned a splendid program. All who attended were greatly benefitted and inspired.

We had an excellent Officers Training. Twenty of our thirty societies were represented at our three zone meetings, where 95 per cent of our District Officers conducted classes in each line of work.

Lake Charles District has a slight gain in membership with 1665 members in 30 societies 12 guilds and 7 District members. There has been three new societies organized this year, Northside, Hackberry and Oberlin. We are 100 per cent organized and 100 per cent reporting throughout the year. Our District has sent to the Conference Treasurer $14,430.75. We have 430 subscribers to the Methodist Woman and 190 to the World Outlook. Increases along all lines show we have more secretaries for each line of work than ever before. We have 85 women serving on the Official Board in their church and 10 elected as delegates to Annual Conference. We used the Program Material 100 per cent.

Our District Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. R. L. Haines, works with our students at McNeese College. We feel that we have reached 80 of the students in a vital way with their weekday and Wednesday evening program. Each school day the Center is opened for those who wish to come over to eat, study, play games or find a quiet corner for meditation and prayer.

The workshop on "World Understanding" with the theme ONE WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, was given in Lake Charles First Church, under the direction of Mrs. Stewart Spates, our District Christian Social Relations Secretary. The United Church Women were invited. Sixteen churches were represented with three different denominations.

"Trick or Treat" for Unicef was carried out in many of our societies and $386.00 was sent to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. H. Cashen

MONROE DISTRICT

In checking the quadrennial goals in the Monroe district we find a very definite advance in all lines of work. We close the year with an in-

crease in every department of work. We now have 52 societies with a membership of 1896 and 11 Wesleyan Service Guilds with a total of 285 members. We have added two new societies—Beouf Prairie Methodist Church, Ft. Necessity and Baskin. Many new cireles have been formed throughout the District and there is a definite increase in young women entering into the work.

The Seminar and annual District meetings were most successful. We were privileged to have as guest speakers Mrs. Robley W. Davis at our Seminar and Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Nina Stallings at the District meeting. A large group attended the South Central Jurisdictional meeting in Shreveport.

The district has a total of 588 subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and 225 to the World Outlook. Our pledge last year was overpaid and we are planning to meet it again this year.

With the help of our Heavenly Father we are looking forward to a wonderful new year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. T. Reynolds
Promotion Secretary

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

This year has been an interesting one. We show progress in many phases of our work.

Our Seminar was a huge success. 160 members enjoyed the inspiration, information and fellowship. Since this excellent Seminar, study classes were held in most of the societies and the number of J. R. classes has greatly increased. More groups are realizing the need for Spiritual Life Cultivation. A district wide quiet day was observed during the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. The Women seem to be conscious of the importance of literature. More are reading the Methodist Woman.

Our Annual District Meeting was well attended. There were more than 240 registered. Leadership training days were observed in the three zones.

We have recognized the need for Missionary personnel and have made a great step forward in organizing three World Friendship Groups. The ground work is being laid for others.

At the end of the fourth quarter 36 societies reported 1,838 members. This includes 211 members of 10 Wesleyan Service Guilds. We are happy to report three District Members. This leaves us four unorganized churches. We are endeavoring to organize these churches and feel sure another year will see New Orleans District 100 per cent organized. Our district fully met its pledge to Conference and Supply Askings.

One of the high points of the year was entertaining the Conference Workshop on World Understanding. There were several outstanding speakers and the team of Nationals from India, Japan and Uruguay.

We humbly thank Him for the many things we have accomplished. It is our prayer that we will continue to grow in Grace and learn new ways to serve our Lord more fully.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel Gallaher (Mrs. Carl)

RUSTON DISTRICT

That The Kingdom of God May Be Realized . . .

Ruston District has made during the quadrennium these progressive advances:

42 Woman's Societies increased to 45.
9 Wesleyan Service Guilds increased to 11.
1622 WSCS members increased to 1641.
0 District Members changed to 34.
1874 total membership increased to 1924.
21 unorganized circuits reduced to 0.
34 unorganized churches reduced to 0.
83% reporting raised to 100%.

Although substantial gains have been made in approved studies, prayer groups, subscriptions to The Methodist Woman, gifts to missions and supply work, the two most outstanding achievements are: 100% in organization of the district completed by June 1, 1955, and 100% reporting which has been maintained for more than a year.

The past year has been an excellent year in Ruston District in every respect. Highlights are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP has been emphasized and some results deserve special mention. The district has added 170 WSCS members, 1 district member, and 28 WSG members. Homer with 26 additions had the largest number for the year; Trinity was second with 25. Arcadia formed a new circle with 14 members. Two new WSCS's were organized this year: Whitehall and Pine Grove, each with 22 members. One new WSG with 17 members was organized at Grace Church in Ruston. Whitehall Society has all resident church members (women) as members of the WSCS and several from other denominations.

REPORTING has been 100% for the entire year. A Promotion Honor Roll has stimulated reporting on time.

MEETINGS in the district deserve special commendations as follows: Seminar in Minden can best be judged not by attendance but by the increasing number of JR and Efficiency classes which have reached a new high in our district.

District Meeting in Lisbon featured a candle lighting service recognizing all societies in the district and zone leaders; and excellent missionary speaker, Miss Nina Stallings; inspirational worship; memorial and installation services. Attendance was very good.

Zone Meetings have increased in interest and attendance. Officers' Training was emphasized. Zone II and Zone III have been able to get all societies present.

15th Anniversary Celebrations were most enthusiastically received.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS include an increase in:
Prayer groups from 14 to 28.
Missionary speakers from 3 to 17.
Subscriptions to The Methodist Woman from 525 to 533.
Subscriptions to The World Outlook from 184 to 192.
Paying pledge and supply askings for the year.

A backward glance leaves Ruston District gratefully humble for the accomplishments of the past and dedicated to future efforts THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. F. C. Haley.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

The Fifteenth Year of The Woman's Society of Christian Service gave us opportunity for saying and showing what the society means to each of us. The birthday observances and expressions in action bore witness to the Fruits of Discipleship.

We have 47 societies; 11 District member Groups; 20 Wesleyan Service Guilds; (2 new, Bossier City and Zwolle) Unit III, at Mangum converged with others and a new unit at North Highlands to be reported later. A total of 3254 adult members, (2899 Society—25 District—355 Guild); new, 396; (318 Society, 6 District, 72 Guild) showing a net gain of 84. We almost gained "1 in 7." A Society, Guild or District member in every church makes us 100% organized. East Point continues 100% organized in membership.

Increases along all lines of work, both in attendance with results from programs and studies and promotional plans are evident in every society.

We overpaid our pledge of $19,500. With $28,008.94 on appropriations; $1482.22 for Week of Prayer; $2695 for Supply Work; $506.60 in new materials sent; $4115.00 special memberships; $772.40 for Alcohol Education, ($20.10 short of goal in W.S.C.S. W.S.G. went the "second mile.")

All societies use the program booklets and materials. Reading is up. 837 subscriptions to The Methodist Woman; 418 to The World Outlook, with 13 and 2 having all officers and secretaries. More and better officer training was done in 26 and 34 had Missionary Speakers.

Together we have worked, You and I and everyone That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized.

Mrs. W. C. McDonald
Promotion Secretary

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Robley W. Davis, Secretary

What is of eternal value, what is the purpose of Missionary Education, of study courses, of setting standards for them, of reporting?

As we see it, the purpose of study in missions is to be quickened in desire to follow the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). Some are called to preach, to teach, to heal, to share better methods of farming or industry. But "How can they preach except they be sent?" (Romans 10:15a). So others are called to do the sending through the sharing of material possessions, and through sharing of self in prayer for those who go.

Through the present plan of study courses we read with a purpose, share knowledge with each other, discuss and devise ways of meeting the needs as they are revealed to us. Study standards are high that we may make a thorough exploration of each course—delving deep, absorbing truths and living them, acting upon them—rather than being merely exposed to them through casual reading, or hearing a report by one or two persons.

Reporting is an inventory that our leaders may chart the course for the future.

What is of eternal value? Every local woman who is seeking to deepen her own spiritual life is seeking the eternal. And every local woman who has glimpsed the needs of mankind, and has given herself to God as an instrument in meeting those needs, has given herself to the Eternal. All that is done in love and to the glory of God is eternal.

In this light may we study the following report and locate the position of our own local society.

REPORT FOR 1955-56

Local societies having secretaries	93%
Local secretaries reporting and on time	94%
Local secretaries active on Program Committee	89%
Local secretaries active on Finance Committee	63%

Study Classes:

Total number in W.S.C.S.	811
Total number in W.S.G.	99
JR Classes for W.S.C.S.	222
JR Classes for W.S.G.	46
Efficiency for W.S.C.S.	97
Effieiency for W.S.G.	10
No-credit for W.S.C.S.	492
No-credit for W.S.G.	43
Number receiving Board of Education Credit (Including Conf. School)	465
Number attending Jurisdiction and Conference Schools	259
Number attending District Educational Seminars	1215

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That every local society have a secretary of Missionary Education and Service;
2. That all secretaries of Missionary Education and Service report regularly and on time;
3. That every local soeiety study all four approved study courses, that all of these be Jurisdiction Recognition Classes, and if not possible, that they be Efficiency Classes;
4. That every local society study "The Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service" this year, using as text the "Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division," and as supplementary the Guide, Handbooks, "Declaring His Glory," Do You Know booklets, etc.;
5. That every local society cooperate with the pastor and the Commission on Missions in the current Church-wide study;
6. That every local society form at least one Reading Circle (a good beginning being shut-ins);
7. That every local Society set up a library or book-shelf;
8. That tours to nearby Woman's Division projects be continued as an educational process;
9. That missionary information from the field be given at each local society monthly meeting, but that only five minutes be used for this;
10. That district secretaries contact their local secretaries at least once each quarter;
11. That conference secretaries send letters of information and inspiration to the district secretaries at least once each quarter, and that once a year they send sufficient copies of their letter to the district secretaries for them to send a copy to each local secretary;
12. That in view of the fact that some districts and conferences overlapping the South Central Jurisdietion do not have a District Seminar or a Conference School of Missions and Christian Service of their own, and that in some instances distances are too great for them to attend their own if they have one, that all overlapping conference and district Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild members be invited to participate in our District Seminars and Conferenee School of Missions. This would benefit the two mission conferences of our jurisdiction and the Central Jurisdiction conferences overlapping ours.
13. That there be no more Special Missionary Projects that where there have been such, the amount be absorbed in the pledge; that Projects as a result of the study of the Home and Foreign Mission Courses be continued.

1956 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE
CENTENARY COLLEGE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
August 13 - 17, 1956

Dean: Mrs. F. C. Haley
Treasurer: Mrs. J. L. Saxon
Chairman Committee: Mrs. Wideman Watson
Courtesy Chairman: Mrs. B. F. Patterson

Theme: "OH COME LET US ADORE HIM"

Courses and Instructors:

Mission Field. U.S.A.:
Instructor: Mrs. Roy A. Dillon, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Southeast Asia:
Instructor: Miss Mary Searcy, former missionary to Japan.

Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern
Instructor: Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock, Arkansas

Paul's Letters to Local Churches
Instructors: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Jonesboro, Louisiana
Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles, Louisiana
Mrs. George Sexton, Shreveport, Louisiana

Platform Hour — Adoration Through Music
Speaker: Dr. D. L. Dykes, Shreveport, Louisiana
Song Leader: Mrs. Paul Anderson, Shreveport, Louisiana
Organist: Mr. Jim Lamberson, Shreveport, Louisiana

Workshops—The Outreach of the Woman's Division Around the World
Methods and Techniques for Program Presentation.

Lines of Work Emphasized with Clinics in each:
Vice-President
Recording Secretary
Secretary of Promotion
Secretary of Literature and Publications
Secretary of Missionary Education
Secretary of Spiritual Life
Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild
Secretary of Christian Social Relations

Missionary Personnel:
Miss Ione Clay, Cuba
Miss Shiela Nuttall, Rural, Louisiana
Miss Martha Fay White, J-3

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS REPORT

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Secretary

More than any other previous out-of-state project for Christian Social Relations, the one of doing "Trick-or-Treat" for Hallowe'en for the benefit of UNICEF caught at the hearts of women and children all over the state. The sum of $5452.20 was reported sent in from all sources. In some cases Councils of Church Women took responsibility, helped always by Methodist women. This will be continued, and more communities will take it up, as they learn the work done by this, now permanent, feature of the United Nations.

The Workshop on World Understanding, held in New Orleans in January, was well received and attended. The Overseas guests, under leadership of Miss Louise Robinson, enlightened and thrilled all who heard them. Since then local Workshops have been put on in all Districts with good results. These fitted in with the Studies on World Peace, of which a satisfying number were reported.

Our pledge to Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation for the presentation of studies of alcohol and narcotics in the high schools of the state has been

continued, many of our women feeling that this is a highly important project.

There has been a marked increase in the general willingness to study legislation, both state and national, and to write letters to Legislators and Congressmen, as we begin to see that we have a responsibility in these matters, and by so doing can effect the laws and decisions made at the top level.

This last year reporting has considerably improved, so that each quarter has seen 100 per cent reporting from four Districts although not always the same Districts each time. It can be done.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand, June 1, 1955		$ 28.38
Received from Conference Treasurer		300.00
Total		$328.38
EXPENDITURES:		
Stamps, envelopes and mailing	$102.20	
Mimeographing	54.01	
Literature	4.40	
Filmstrip	6.00	
MEMBERSHIPS:		
Louisiana Conference on Human Relations	5.00	
Louisiana Organization for State Legislation	25.00	
Louisiana Conference for Social Welfare	3.00	
Upper Room (for Angola)	16.50	
Gift to South Regional Council (Dr. Mitchell)	35.00	
Mrs. R. O. Coorpender (Transportation National Seminar	50.00	
Total	$322.72	$322.72
Balance June 1, 1956		$5.66
Workshop on World Understanding, Received	$ 60.00	
Total Cost	50.19	
Balance	9.81	$ 9.81
Returned to Conference Treasurer		$15.47

RECOMMENDATIONS

World Peace.

Because of the need for Christian women to continue to seek peace and justice for all people, We Recommend:

That workshops on world understanding be continued on all levels;

That we seek to broaden the horizons of the local church and community through new experiences of fellowship with people of other lands and cultures;

That we seek to create throughout the local church and community an increased sensitivity to the needs of the world;

That we urge the leaders of our country to continue support of U.N. agency programs and promotion of technical assistance and economic aid for under-developed countries;

That because of the importance to world peace of mutual understanding and good relations between India and the U. S., that we express our concern to the leaders of our country that every effort be made to foster and spread in both countries this feeling of mutual good-will.

Christian Citizenship

Methodist women need to be alert to the issues of coming elections, therefore, We Recommend,

The Christian Social Relations Secretaries start a series of "Citizenship Branches" for the purpose of study and discussion of these issues;

That we work with greater urgency to safeguard the right of every citizen to vote in complete freedom;

That in the light of increased needs for additional school facilities, we support such legislation in Congress that would give Federal Aid to Education, when such aid would be allocated only to tax-supported schools; when such funds would be administered by the states and not the federal government; and when allocated on the basis of need.

Alcohol

Because of the continued need for education of our young people to the dangers of alcohol and narcotics, We Recommend,

That the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference give $3000 or 25¢ per member, to Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation toward the support of a leader for such education in our High Schools for the coming year;

That the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations or her representative be sent to the School of Alcohol Studies at S.M.U., Dallas, to be held July 18-25, 1956;

That we write our Senators to support the Langer Bill, S-923, which would prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages;

That we write our Representatives in Congress to support the Lane House Bill, prohibiting the service and sale of alcoholic beverages on air lines at any time.

REPORT LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild has had a good year. We show an increase in every line of work. We have 98 units, an increase of 100, have lost 4 units, and have a total membership of 1905.

Our pledge to Missions for 1955-56 was $12,800. This was more than paid in full as follows:

Our Pledge	$12,583.01	
In Remembrance	65.00	
Jurisdiction Projects	143.14	
Treasure Chests	272.01	
Special Memberships	1,535.00	
Love Offering (Marion Lela Norris Scholarship) at Spring Meeting	262.20	$14,860.36
Week of Prayer		$1,091.09
Alcohol Education		391.71
Cultivation		784.70
Cash to Supply Work	$2,280.60	
Special Interest Louisiana Rural Work (Home)	1,101.79	
Health and Nursing Program, Vicarabad India	945.46	
Other Special Interests	233.38	$2,280.60

Our per capita giving is $7.80 an increase of $2.53 over last year's.

We show much growth in study classes conducted, with a total enrollment of over 888. Most of the classes were for Jurisdiction Recognition, but a few were for Efficiency, and a small number were discussion groups. Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education attended the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah last year, and conducted a Clinic for Wesleyan Service Guilds at the Conference School of Missions at Centenary in August of last year. We had three delegates attending the Jurisdiction School of Missions, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Lawson, and Mrs. E. D. (Lena)

Sweeney. These people helped with the Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, as well as in their own districts, by presenting their respective studies to the group.

Miss Helen Adams, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman has done a magnificient job of directing the entire conference group in spiritual growth and development. Many prayer groups, prayer partners, prayer cells, and much individual growth has been the direct result of her capable Christian guidance.

Miss Emma Kuntz, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities presented a most interesting skit on the duties of the secretaries and chairmen of this wonderful line of work at Camp Brewer, Last July. She did much through the help of Mrs. Goldthwait to direct the Christian thinking of the Guild members before the past elections were held. She encouraged all of us to exercise our Christian responsibility in casting our ballots.

The district secretaries in all the districts have held Coaching Conferences, and district meetings. A few districts hold District Weekends, in conjunction with their seminars.

Miss Nina Stallings itinerated through the districts with many of the district secretaries calling extra meetings in order to avail themselves of this wonderful person's missionary message.

Four delegates from Louisiana Conference, namely, Miss Sara Gaunt, Lake Charles, Miss Fannie Burch, Amite, Mrs. Kelma Berry, and myself from Bastrop made the Missionary Tour to Mexico last August. This was a most gratifying experience for all of us, and we came home determined to do more about missions in our foreign countries.

Our biggest achievement this year, to me, is the continuance of our own GUILD TIMES. This has proved a wonderful instrument for our promotion of the work of the Guilds and has served as a bond between the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Miss Lillian Kennedy, Editor, deserves much praise and all the credit for the wonderful issues we have enjoyed. In October of the past year the issue was dedicated to our sisters in the Woman's Society of Christian Service on their 15th birthday.

At our Spring Meeting in March in Shreveport we were fortunate to have as our guests, our own Miss Gertie Stiles, Secretary South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. Harold E. Soulen, Vice-President of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. Our Love Offering of $262.20 was sent to the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund, one of the Guilds Special Interests. There were 164 delegates attending this fine meeting.

At our Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer last July we had as our guests Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Louisiana Rural Advisor, Miss Averill Jordan, and Miss Charlie Hampton. Our love offering of $200.00 was divided equally between our two Special Interests of Supply Work, namely, Louisiana Rural Work, and the Health and Nursing Program at Vicarabad, India. 136 attended this meeting and benefitted from the information, inspiration and fellowship from being together in God's great out-of-doors.

We are eagerly anticipating the forthcoming Quadrennium with it's new goals, and achievements, and solicit and entreat you one and all to hold us in your prayers and thoughts as we continue to press forward a united Christian Band of Methodist women proclaiming the Spirit of Christ For All of Life.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That through May 31, 1956, an evaluation be made of the goals

set forth for the quadrennium and as far as is possible carry through with them as follows:

(a) Review the recommendations for the past three years.
(b) Place special emphasis for their completion.
(c) Make a careful check of the churches where there is no Guild unit to see if they are now ready for one to be formed.
(d) Is there a deserving member who could be honored with a special membership?
(e) Is there an employed woman waiting for an invitation to join the Wesleyan Service Guild?
(f) Could another study class be conducted?
(g) See that the pledge is paid in full.

2. That because of the urgent need for Christian workers, we not only think and talk about this opportunity and responsibility, open to Guild women, but that we be doers of the Word.

3. That every district secretary and every Secretary of Missionary Education and Service realize it is not only her privilege to attend the conference school of missions, but her responsibility.

4. That coaching conferences be held in the early fall on the District and local level.

5. That when the new goals are revealed to us, great plans be made for their achievements.

6. That with an humble and sincere rededication of self, we seek to carry out the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) Minza Rabun, Conference
Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK 1955-1956

Mrs. D. W. Poole

Each year brings new knowledge and greater understanding to those of us who have the opportunity to work with students. As they grow in Christian fellowship, in like measure we grow in the appreciation of our work.

The secretaries of student work are learning more about the Wesley Foundations, their programs and their needs. They are striving to interpret these to the local churches. In keeping this close friendship between college and local church the student secretary is making it possible for the college student to feel at home in either place.

There were more "blue cards" sent to the Director of the Methodist Student Movement before college opened this year than ever before. Also, there was more interest by the student secretaries and the local churches in helping send students to work projects, conferences and caravans than before. Wherever there were foreign students the local churches have done many things to help them feel at home. Our young people in the service have not been forgotten either. The local churches are being encouraged to keep in close touch with them. When there are service men stationed close by the local student secretaries are particularly busy in sponsoring programs for them.

The reports from the Wesley Foundations have been truly inspiring. Their work is encouraging and is preparing many young people to enter full-time Christian service. Their deputation teams have been a great inspiration to the churches as well as a means of learning to the young people. The increasing interest of our students and their spiritual growth necessitates expansion. It is good to be able to report new buildings and improvements on several campuses.

It has been my privilege to be with the students on their fall retreat and the alcohol seminar. It was a challenge to me to see them worship, work and play together. It is always a joy to visit with the students and feel their enthusiasm and catch a vision of their dreams.

RECOMMENDATIONS

With the hope of seeing the work of the student department go forward, We Recommend:

1. That the interest of each local society be directed to the youth away from home. These will include those from other lands, those in the service of our country and all those on our campuses.
2. That each society support the local church in its observance of Methodist Student Day and Student Recognition Day.
3. That continued emphasis be placed on electing a secretary of student work in each local society.
4. That the work of the student department be presented to the local society each month. This should give each member an opportunity to know and participate in student work on the local level.
5. That student information cards continue to be sent to the campus before August 1st.
6. That all graduating high school seniors be informed concerning the work of the church on the campus.
7. That training opportunities be provided for student secretaries on every level of our society.

YOUTH WORK

Mrs. W. F. Manning

It has been said that Jesus came not to make life easy but to make men great. Our work as youth secretaries is primarily that of helping the youth of our state to become great in the work of our Father's Kingdom. Louisiana youth during the past year have given through the Methodist Youth Fund $7,943.80 to help His light shine throughout the world. The youth of the eight districts have made their contributions as follows: Alexandria, $514.40; Baton Rouge, $1,117.44; Lafayette, $244.08; Lake Charles, $831.18; Monroe, $1,801.58; New Orleans, $634.45; Ruston, $1,361.68; Shreveport, $1,438.99. These youth, under the guidance of their adult counselors, have used recommended mission studies and have caught a vision of the needs of their fellowman. Thus their giving for these needs has greatly increased over that of last year.

Many of our districts have conducted tours of the mission stations in our state, taking many of their youth so that they might get first hand information of what their missionary dollars does for those in need. Career clinics have been held to help youth find their place in Christian vocations, many are considering full-time service and others have dedicated their lives to the work of His Kingdom. Youth prayer groups that meet regularly are being reported increasingly by their adult counselors. Through these and many other activities the adult workers with youth have made an earnest effort to let His light shine through them and draw the lives of our youth unto Him.

It has been a wonderful privilege and experience to work with these youth and their counselors for the past eighteen months. It is with sincere regret and a feeling of great loss that I have resigned as conference secretary of youth work. May Louisiana youth work continue to go forward is my earnest prayer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As we approach the end of this Youth Emphasis Quadrennium and look toward a new period in our on-going church, it is recommended:

1. That every Woman's Society of Christian Service elect their best qualified woman as the Secretary of Youth Work, carefully following the plan for first consulting youth as given on page 19 of "THE GUIDE."
2. That the film-strip, "GIVING UNLIMITED," be used in Methodist Youth Councils on all levels, in workshops on Christian Outreach and MY fund and in training adult workers with youth. Also use the skit "OUR YOUTH FUND" on page 34 of the January Methodist Woman for promoting MY fund.
3. That Conference and District Secretaries use every opportunity to promote the youth literature for the current missionary themes of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education through: (1) literature displays at all spring meetings of the Woman's Society; (2) workshops and rallies of the MYF; (3) Career Clinics for youth; and, (4) Woman's Society Fall Seminars.
4. That the closing of the Youth Emphasis Quadrennium be made a significant time for honoring (1) youth with Youth Memberships in recognition of outstanding leadership and dedication to service; and, (2) adults who have done noteworthy work with youth by the presentation of Adult Memberships.
5. That Conference and District Secretaries keep informed about and be willing to attend a Jurisdiction MYF Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah (August 9 - 16) if and when they are invited to help fill adult quotas of their conferences.
6. That Secretaries of Youth Work inspire women as members of local churches to cooperate in having an active Committee on Christian Vocations in every local church, to the end that youth may be challenged with and guided toward church vocations as life-time careers.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Secretary

This year has been marked by a number of "firsts" as the work was evaluated. Our youngest district, Lafayette, was the very first to reach 100% in reporting and has kept it up for three quarters. New Orleans district reported from every Society also, and Ruston district heard from all who had any type of children's work being done. Actually more Societies reported than the number of elected Secretaries of Children's Work.

Last fall Missionary Education Workshops were held in the Lafayette, Ruston, and Baton Rouge districts . . . more firsts. This year we hope to have them in ALL districts, with Conference and District Secretaries of Children's Work and Conference and District Directors of Children's Work in close cooperation to promote them.

Current emphases in Missionary Education of children were presented in the three Children's Worker's Conferences held in the state. "Indian Americans" was a most interesting study, and as a result children have sent $142.76 to Dulac and the Navaho Methodist Mission in Farmington, New Mexico. Many groups have enjoyed the unit on "Spreading the Gospel" and have contributed $56.39 for that cause. During the year, $501.32 has been given by children through WSCS channels.

New missionary materials for use with children in 1956-57 are units on "The Philippines," and "Southeast Asia." "Migrants" will be the subject of the home study. A number of leaders of additional sessions are finding these

materials quite helpful, and are using them in Sunday evening sessions.

The May and June (1956) METHODIST WOMAN carried Suggested Objectives and Calendar of Activities which every Children's Secretary should read at once.

Much credit is due the faithful and efficient District Secretaries who have presented the plans for missionary education of children as an integral part of the program of Christian education in the church school. We count it a real privilege to be able to lead boys and girls in the fascinating adventure of making new friends around the world.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a secretary of Children's Work be elected in every Woman's Society of Christian Service. This officer should be a leader qualified to participate in the total plan of the church for children, and she should be elected by the method outlined on page 22 of **A Guide for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, 1952-1956.**
2. That secretaries of Children's Work take advantage of all training opportunities available to better equip themselves as officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and as workers with children.
3. That conference and district secretaries of Children's Work, in co-operation with the conference and district directors of Children's Work, promote fall institutes on missionary education of children.
4. That every secretary of Children's Work challenge each church to provide a series of additional sessions for the study of at least one approved missionary unit annually.
5. That secretaries of Children's Work keep informed about and co-operate in plans for action recommended by the Woman's Division of Christian Service in issues related to the welfare of all children, such as: better family life; juvenile delinquency; needs of children in expanding areas of population; public education; and health.
6. That secretaries of Children's Work continue to study the organization and work of the United Nations. being particularly alert to issues affecting families or children.
7. That secretaries of Children's Work promote the use of the new free leaflets: **The Nursery Child and Missionary Education** by Emma Jane Kramer; and **The Kindergarten Child and Missionary Education** by Myra McKean. These leaflets suggest definite ways that parents can develop friendly attitudes which are basic to missionary education.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary

Our progress, though not spectacular, continues steadily upward. In South Central Jurisdiction, Louisiana is listed in the plus Conferences. Fourth in number of societies reporting. We received reports from 306 societies out of 330. We have FOUR districts reporting 100 per cent.

Lafayette	New Orleans
Lake Charles	Ruston

More societies are using the program material, copy of Annual Report and serving on Program Committee. A very small increase in use of Girls' and Children's material, here is our challenge. Literature Headquarters provides the material for all phases of our work--let us all use it more.

Subscriptions to the magazines are increasing; the total subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN being 3722, a gain of 246. WORLD OUTLOOK, 1705, a gain of 45.

The subscriptions by districts are:

THE METHODIST WOMAN		WORLD OUTLOOK	
Baton Rouge	590	Shreveport	378
Ruston	563	New Orleans	270
New Orleans	553	Baton Rouge	251
Monroe	510	Monroe	221
Shreveport	478	Lake Charles	192
Lake Charles	402	Ruston	171
Lafayette	339	Alexandria	125
Alexandria	287	Lafayette	97

Number of societies reporting every elected officer a subscriber to THE METHODIST WOMAN, 75, a gain of 24.

WORLD OUTLOOK, 4, a loss of 12.

Baton Rouge 1, Lake Charles 1, New Orleans 1, Monroe 1.

To every member of every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild it is our privilege to use the Literature that Literature Headquarters provides for us to make our work and program interesting for every one.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. A secretary of literature be elected in every society, or in case of very small societies, her duties, including regular reporting, be assigned to one of the elected officers.
2. Local and District secretaries:
   - A. Study and circulate all the new literature concerning the new quadrennial goals and plans.
   - B. Make a special study of the new HANDBOOK FOR SECRETARIES OF LITERATURE and PUBLICATIONS and the new report blank.
   - C. Continue a constant study of all new material listed on the back of THE METHODIST WOMAN, and advise officers of their particular pieces.
   - D. Make determined effort to promote effectively all subscription drives for THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.
   - E. Report full ON TIME.
3. District Secretaries:
   - A. Assume full responsibility for ordering, displaying, and selling literature at seminars. (This service can be enhanced by contacting teachers and leaders for their suggestions before ordering.)
   - B. Analyze each report and send helpful suggestions for improvement.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. George E. Powell, Secretary

Louisiana Conference was given a Cash Supply Work Asking of $8852.00–$4380.00 for the Home Field and $4472.00 for the Foreign Field. All the Askings were overpaid.

The total cash giving through Supply Work for 1955-56 was $16,530.21 which was divided as follows: Home Field W.S.C.S. $7897.63; W.S.G. $1300.74; Children $142.76. Foreign Field W.S.C.S. $6052.80; W.S.G. $979.89; Children $156.39

This was an increase in every area of cash giving for Supply Work during the quadrennium, with the giving to the foreign field showing the greater gain. The children showed the greatest increase with 100 per cent on both the Home and Foreign Field. On the Home Field the increase was

as follows: W.S.C.S. $86.46; W.S.G. $478.19; Children $142.76. On the Foreign Field the increase was W.S.C.S. $2227.28; W.S.G. $106.31; Children $156.39.

There was a steady decrease in the gifts of new materials in Louisiana as there was throughout the Woman's Division.

The definite Cash Askings which have been assigned to each society in Louisiana have increased the interest in the various projects sponsored by the Woman's Division.

The coupon campaign has not been as successful as we hoped. St. Mark's Camp needs equipment. Save your Colgate-Peet coupons and mail them to St. Mark's Community Center.

New Orleans and Lafayette were the only districts with 100 per cent reporting. The societies have done splendid work but let's continue to work and pray until every society has an active Secretary of Supply Work.

Through Supply Work Cash giving the Woman's Society, Wesleyan Service Guild and the children have reached helping hands around the world. May God's richest blessings be yours as you work for Him.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. A secretary of Supply Work be at work in every society, using the Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work to guide her.

2. Every society do some Supply Work for Home and/or Foreign institutions each quarter, reporting all work done on time.

3. Cash should be sent through the treasurers with detailed information to the treasurer as to country, institution and/or worker, that she may direct the giving through Supply Work accurately. (Please do not list Askings the gifts are to be used for when reporting to the treasurer—only the amount. Exception: some foreign Askings).

4. Only materials and/or articles asked for on the list of Askings be sent to an institution or worker. Strive to meet the needs on the Askings sheet before doing other Supply Work.

5. A card or letter be sent by local Supply Work secretary to the institution or worker about cash gifts sent through the treasurer so they will know where the money is from when it is sent to them by the Division.

6. The secretary of Supply Work on all levels serves on the Finance Committee.

7. In Reporting: New secretaries will find "model" report blank on pages 10-11 of the Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work. Please follow this outline.
   District secretaries: Strive for 100% reporting. (This means that each society in the district reporting. Those on modified plan report to district promotion secretaries, and may be counted as having reported. District secretary must check with promotion secretary each quarter for this report on societies on the modified plan.)

8. Conference officers, district and local secretaries be urged to attend all training days held in the conference, district or local society, and to visit the institutions near-by, that they may be better informed about our work.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

HOME FIELD ASKING: $5048.00 — **CASH SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS 1956-57** — **FOREIGN FIELD ASKING $5170.00**

Home Field	District	Foreign Field
PEOPLE'S METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER 2019 Simon Bolivar, New Orleans, La. MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER Box 270, Houma, La.	ALEXANDRIA	AFRICA--NYADIRI WASHBURN HOSPITAL AND MISSIONARY NURSES HOME JAPAN--HIROSHIMA GIRLS' COLLEGE
SCARRITT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS 1008 19th Ave. S. Nashville, Tenn. MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER Box 270, Houma, La.	BATON ROUGE	JAPAN--HIROSHIMA GIRLS' COLLEGE
ST. TAMMANY RURAL WORK Box 6, Lacombe, La.	LAFAYETTE	AFRICA--NYADIRI WASHBURN HOSPITAL AND MISSIONARY NURSES HOME
LOUISIANA RURAL WORK Box 4156, Shreveport, La.	LAKE CHARLES	JAPAN--HIROSHIMA GIRLS' COLLEGE
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La. LOUISIANA BAYOU WORK Box 1150, Dulac, La.	MONROE	JAPAN--HIROSHIMA GIRLS' COLLEGE
DULAC INDIAN MISSION Box 1150, Dulac, La. WESLEY FOUNDATION S.L.I. Box 220, Lafayette, La. MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER Box 270, Houma, La.	NEW ORLEANS	INDIA--NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE
ST. TAMMANY RURAL WORK Box 6, Lacombe, La. MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER Box 270, Houma, La.	RUSTON	INDIA--NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La.	SHREVEPORT	JAPAN--HIROSHIMA GIRLS' COLLEGE INDIA--NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE

Each society has been assigned a definite share of the Cash Askings for their District. Every society is asked to give the amount allotted to them for the Home and Foreign Field before doing other Cash Supply Work. Each society should put this Cash Askings into their budget.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Secretary

One is aware as you endeavor to report on the Spiritual Life, that sometimes spiritual things are hard to put into words. So, it is difficult to tell of many phases of our work but I want to note some that I can tell about. There has been a definite hunger for the "things of the spirit;" which is reflected in an increased interest in all eight districts. At the close of this year, I would like to report the following:

1. We have an increase in the number of prayer groups.

2. Most societies held the Study of the Five Classics and report it to be one of the finest studies yet. Many have formed study groups as a result to say nothing of the large number that will always read and re-read these classics.

3. Both the World Day of Prayer and The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial were observed in the larger part of our churches with a good attendance and generous offering. We are certain that much inspiration was received.

4. All during the year numerous requests have been made for Spiritual Life Material in addition to all that have ben ordered from our Methodist Headquarters.

5. The secretaries report that they have cooperated with their pastors and all groups in the church in any way possible, for the enrichment of the spiritual life of their church.

6. Numerous Retreats, Days Apart and Sacrificial meals have been held with appropriate programs of devotion.

7. The Secretaries all report many and varied ministries of spiritual significance by the local societies.

8. More are using the Prayer Calendar (708 have reported), and all secretaries plan to promote this more this coming year.

We have much to encourage us, but let us not be complacent. We learned again, from a study of the Classics, that CHRISTIANS ARE BECOMING. We, individually and as a society, want to grow spiritually this coming year. Truly, let us "Attempt great things for God, expecting great things from God." It is wonderful to be working with each of you, and may God find us all growing like Him in the days ahead.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Realizing that the words "Spiritual Life" mean that quality of life which commits one to grow continually in the Christian Way, rather than marking him as having already arrived in piety, it is recommended that:

1. EVERY Woman's Society of Christian Service (on all levels) elect a Secretary of Spiritual Life.
2. That EACH SECRETARY obtain and study carefully as MINIMUM TOOLS of her work:
   a. The Handbook for Secretaries of Spiritual Life (1956-60) and the new report blank (both to be ready after Mount Sequoyah); the Spiritual Life Packet (1956-57) and the Prayer Calendar for 1956. (1957 Calendar begins in January).
3. The secretary of Spiritual Life FORM and USE the Standing Committee on Spiritual Life designated for her in the Handbook.
4. The secretary and her committee set in motion every means of stimulating spiritual growth as given in the Handbook under "Duties of the Secretary and the Committee on Spiritual Life." (You will find that the report blank tallies with this under worship, prayer, organization, evangelism, study, literature, special observances).

5. The secretary and her committee accept as their first responsibility the cultivating of the spiritual life of the Woman's Society and the Guild as a part of the church; and be alert and cooperative in helping to deepen the spiritual life of the entire church.

6. The secretary and her committee set up a Calendar of Activities to meet needs of their particular group, but guided in general by suggestions on the Spiritual Life page in The Methodist Woman; special times for quiet and meditation, for going apart for a Day apart or a Retreat are especially recommended for being included in this Calendar.

7. Promote at least one prayer group in every society.

8. Prayerfully and sincerely endeavor to make our Spiritual Life Studies a real experience of spiritual growth.

9. Encourage our local women to plan now for next summer as a time of cultivation of the life of the spirit, instead of taking it for granted that a rising thermometer ealls for a lowering spiritual endeavor. Occasionally some still report "The Usual Summer Slump."

10. That EACH SECRETARY of Spiritual Life report on time each quarter to her District Secretary of Spiritual Life.

STATUS OF WOMEN

Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Secretary

This, my first year as your Conference Secretary of Status of Women, has been rich with numerous opportunities for training, learning, inspiration and sharing. I was privileged to attend the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah last year as well as our own Conference School of Missions at Shreveport and, of course, both the Jurisdiction and our own Annual Meeting. All of these have helped me to have a clearer understanding of our work and to realize its importance in the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

We now have 226 secretaries of Status of Women in our Conference, which is a slight increase over last year. One of our goals is to have one in each society. There are 67 societies using the Service Activity Card File and 41 are keeping scrapbooks and clipping files of interesting and outstanding achievements of women throughout the world as well as in local churches, communities, etc.

There are approximately 770 women serving on official boards in the churches. Women are being encouraged to accept their responsibilities in the church as well as in the home, community and nation.

At present, there are a million and a half more women than men of voting age in the United States. Think of the potential power in our hands! Surely, we have a great responsibility for good government and through our local secretaries of Status of Women, our members have been urged to keep themselves informed, to support legislation for the betterment of women, to accept positions of leadership in civic affairs, and by all means, to exercise their right to vote.

Greater interest in and understanding of Status of Women Work has been reported by local and district secretaries, and they are to be congratulated on the fine work they are doing. Let us re-dedicate and reconsecrate ourselves to the giving of our very best to our Master.

RECOMMENDATIONS

"There is no east or west . . . no north or south . . . one fellowship in Christ Jesus"

As secretaries of Status of Women, let us rededicate ourselves to the task of making these words have added meaning as we continue to lift the

status of women in our church, our community, and the world. To do this it is recommended that we:

1. Continue to study the needs of women all over the world—Subscribe to and read The Methodist Woman, The World Outlook, The Christian Advocate, The Church Woman, etc.

2. Continue to share your information and enthusiasm concerning status of women with members of the local societies—Actively serving on the Program Committee; Actively serving on the Status of Women Committee; Use of clip sheets and scrapbooks.

3. Continue to find places where women may serve—Through the use of Service Activity Cards, kept current; Studying the poster "Legal Status of Women in the Methodist Church"; Working closely with the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild so that employed women may take their rightful places as workers in the church, the community, the nation.

4. Continue to report all activities—An accurate report, on time, is our measurement of progress.

One person can do much to change the status of women throughout the world. What then could be accomplished if in every local society we had an informed, inspired secretary of Status of Women—one who is not only seeking to understand the world in which she lives, but is capable of discussing world problems with others, and exemplifies in her own life the Christian way of life. Let us begin at once to make this a reality!

To serve is our privilege,
To find THE WAY our responsibility.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. J. T. Harris, Secretary

Although the progress made in this area of our work, can not be expressed in statistics, we do feel that there has been definite progress made, and a certain amount of success achieved. We sense the fact that there is more real interest and concern in the great task of recruitment, and that our whole church is being informed, more than in times past, about the needs, both in National and World areas. We continue to encourage our District Secretaries to take advantage of every available opportunity to distribute information to young people concerning both the needs and how they can fit themselves to meet these needs.

We have had Four Christian Career Clinics this year, on the District level, with good results. The Monroe District was most fortunate in having Rev. "Dick" Belcher from the Interboard Committee, in their Clinic. We have served on the Conference Committee on Christian Vocations again this year, and hope in the coming year to have a closer working relation with this Committee.

Through the eight District Supts. we have urged that Christian Vocation Committees be organized and active in every local church. This is our one hope in reaching the young men and women in our local churches.

It was my very great joy to visit Jo Ann Richardson, who is a US-2 serving in our Community Center in Nashville, Tenn. Jo Ann is working with a group of senior young people, both in the Center and the Church. We are very proud of the work she and all of our other young women are doing in Louisiana and elsewhere.

After attending Officer's Training Day in Alexandria, where four of our Secretaries were in attendance, it was decided that a Mission Tour on the Conference level, would not be advisable, unless we visited another Conference. We did agree that each District should have a tour, taking our young people to our very own projects in Louisiana. This will be our main project this coming year.

We regret losing the fine women who have served faithfully and well in this work, but we are happy to welcome those who take their places: Mrs. Dixie Odom, Baton Rouge; Mrs. C. M. Kendrick, Ruston; Mrs. J. E. Manis, New Orleans; and Mrs. C. A. Black, Shreveport.

We urge every woman in our great organization to pray very earnestly that more of our young men and women will be challenged to answer the call to full-time Christian service, to help bring about The Kingdom of our Lord.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We heartily recommend:

1. That every local society cooperate with the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel in promoting a Christian Career Clinic in her district.
2. That we work toward a Conference-wide Missionary Tour in the coming year.
3. That the Secretaries of Youth and Student work, on the local level, continue to feel a definite responsibility in recruiting young men and women for Full Time Christian Service.
4. That since this is such an important office, and so much depends on the interest and activities of the Secretary, that much prayer and care be given to the election of this officer when a vacancy occurs.
5. That the recruitment program continue to be a "Prayer Project" in every local society. and that we as individual members, pray daily that more young men and women will answer the Call.

WESLEY FOUNDATION

Ann Adams, Director, Northwestern State College

GREETINGS from all concerned with the Church in its witness to the Northwestern campus. This has been another year filled with opportunity for service, and unique in the fact that it has opened doors that have been closed in the past.

The Methodist student enrollment reached a total of 439 in the 1955-56 session. 69 of these are nurses in the Clinical Area and graduate students in extension classes, leaving a total of 370 on campus.

71 students have been in the active program of the Wesley Foundation, and at least 175 have been casually affected by some area of the program. An attempt has been made to reach all 439 in as many ways as possible.

The Wesley Foundation year began in September with the 3-day "Methodist Call" led by Rev. Douglas McGuire of Shreveport. This special emphasis opened the way for a series of high spots which I will list below:

1. A renewed interest among a number of students in applying their Christian beliefs in new areas. This led to leadership furnished for a weekly extended session of the Sunday School for children in the Asbury Methodist Church, ending in a Training Course for teachers taught by Mrs. Jack Fisher.

2. A Christian Vocations Clinic jointly sponsored by the Methodist and Presbyterian student groups, and an unusually effective study group sponsored by the same groups, dealing with the subject, "The Church In a World In Revolution."

3. A special emphasis in missions and the World Christian Community, throughout the year, climaxed by an Indian Festival, with Mrs. W. F. Pledger, a missionary to India for 15 years, speaking and exhibiting an elaborate collection of Indian craft, foods, art, religious symbolism, and wearing apparel. As a result of the year's emphasis, the Wesleyan Foundation has contributed $200.00 to the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund, $5.00 to the

Indian Student Christian Movement, and $7.00 to the World Student Christian Federation—this in addition to a much clearer understanding of the missionary outreach of the Church.

4. Wesley Foundation cooperation in the first Religious Center "Hanging of the Greens" at Christmas time and the first Religious Center Christmas party for Negro members of the working staff of the college.

5. The special annual observances of Brotherhood Week, Universal Day of Prayer for students, and Easter.

One of the doors mentioned above, that has actually opened this year, has been the final purchase of the house and lot on College Avenue which will serve as the new Methodist Student Center. The Alexandria District, in a fine spirit of cooperation, assumed responsibility for financing the purchase, for which we are most grateful. Renovation will begin early in June, which means that the building should be ready for use by the first of July.

The year for the Director has been filled with increased opportunity for counseling and interpreting the Christian gospel in terms of today's campus and every day problems. Deep satisfaction has been felt in seeing the largest number of students assuming responsibility for dynamic Christian leadership than in any of the past five years. Beyond the actual work with students has come the opportunity to teach one of the study courses for the local W.S.C.S.; to speak before the Zone meeting of the W.S.C.S., the subdistrict Pastor's meeting, the District Conference; to represent the South Central Region of the Methodist Student Movement at the National Commission meeting at Purdue University; to serve as Co-Dean for the Regional Conference at Mt. Sequoyah; preparing to serve as Dean of the 1956 Regional; and to serve on the Executive Committee of the National Methodist Student Workers' Association. Deep thanks are given to God for these additional opportunities.

Again, we express sincere appreciation to this Church, and to its Pastor, Rev. Benedict Galloway, for constant cooperation, many expressions of faith and encouragement. Without these, the year would not have been possible. And above all, we give the final praise and glory to God, our Father.

REPORT OF LOUISIANA TECH WESLEY FOUNDATION

During June of 1955 the new student center was ready for occupancy and Wesley Foundation members excitedly moved to their new home. They loved the beautiful new structure, but its beauty, space, furniture, and swankiness almost baffled them. Therefore, most of the summer was spent in learning to feel at home in their surroundings and in showing people over the new building.

Four representatives of Wesley Foundation attended Regional Conference and wrestled with campus problems, campus emphasis, and campus potentials. This conference was followed by the Louisiana State Fall Planning Retreat. About fifteen of the Tech council members met and made specific plans at Retreat for the 1955-56 school year. Programs flourished on paper, but not so rapidly in reality.

Tech has retained the following areas of their old weekly program: (1) Sunday and Thursday evening Vespers, (2) Church School, (3) Drive-In Luncheon, (4) Choir practice, (5) Open House, (6) Council Meetings, (7) Prayertime, (8) Deputations, (9) Social and recreational events. In addition, the following areas have been added: (1) Daily meditation in evenings, (2) Bible Study, (3) Skeptics Hour, (4) Married Couples' Luncheon. Attendance has not been what we hoped in Bible Study, Meditations, and Skeptics Hour, but things are looking up and continuance seems advisable in each area.

This year has brought the greatest missionary emphasis and response known by the director.

Worship programs have improved in content, technique, and spirit. The lovely new chapel, with its organ (purchased by students), has aided worship at the center tremendously.

We solicit the help of local churches from whence the Tech students come for: (1) Acquainting high school students with the purpose and program of Wesley Foundation. (2) Making known the $5.00 Plan and the money sent by home churches to promote Wesley Foundation Programs for students attending state schools, (3) Asking Wesley Foundation director or representative to meet and speak to graduating seniors before they reach the college campus. Leaders in the local M.Y.F. often stray away from Wesley when they are invited to attend the open council meetings of Wesley Foundation. Pre-school planning does not come to focus in their thinking—nor do they realize that the officers are elected and go to work in May before Freshmen arrive in September. To high school leaders committee work seems unimportant We need your help in this area.

This has been a hard, full, challenging year. Prayer has been answered. Some have grown—many remain untouched.

Respectfully submitted,
Pearlye Maye Kelley, Director

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

Hazel F. Cooper, Director

For twenty-eight years Business Girls' Inn and its predecessor, Jubilee Inn has served as a "home away from home" for girls coming to Shreveport. Primarily serving the Ark-La-Tex region, we have had girls during the year from Ohio and Virginia.

It is the purpose of the Inn:

1. To help a girl adjust from a dependent individual at home to an independent member of the community.
2. To assist her in living for a reasonable sum until she is established in her job and has sufficient income and judgment to live independently.
3. To furnish proper food.
4. To help her make friends and establish herself in a church home and community activities.
5. To help her become a mature person.

People often ask, "Why does the Woman's Division invest in this type of work"? "If girls are self supporting, why spend money in this way"? The answer is that it is possible for a young woman to be self supporting without adequate experience or judgment to be self sufficient.

There is a great difference between a home such as the Inn and a boarding house which would be the only solution for a girl alone in the city. It is a venture in cooperative living with a Christian atmosphere. The Inn represents the church in the community and Christian young people in particular. It sets certain standards of conduct and consideration for the rights and privileges of others.

Life is never dull in a household of fifty teen-age and just past teen-age girls. During the year one hundred and two girls have been resident. Twenty-one left to take apartments, twenty-five to be married, thirteen returned to their home towns to take jobs, three including one of those who married had lived their allotted three years and one was able to go to college. Eight rehabilitation cases have been resident.

At Conference time last year we were hoping to provide a room for counseling. This was accomplished with some minor remodeling. The room is used as a combined study and counseling room by the director.

Denominationally we have Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Presbyterians, Church of Christ, Assembly of God and Catholic residents. Participating in their church is part of the life of each resident of the Inn.

The house itself received some special attention this year. A much needed ice maker was purchased for the kitchen. Some additional furniture was purchased for the foyer so that guests might wait more comfortably.

A volunteer committee of residents catalogued the library this past winter. Book plates and cards were placed in all volumes, and a complete list compiled. The library is small, some 250 volumes but it is growing.

At Christmas time the party for the house provided toys for the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

It is our hope during the coming year to promote some leisure time activities and discussion sessions which will help the girls as they go out to take their places and establish homes in the community.

With this in mind we have made a special fund of the supply money from the Conference. We are contemplating a project and equipment which will help with this project.

We were happy this year to have the privilege of being host to the Jurisdiction and the Louisiana Conference Women. We always welcome your visits.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans 16, La.

At St. Mark's we have had a busy and a full year with 563 boys, girls, men, and women participating in 30 different organized groups, and many other activities. Fifteen regular volunteers have given many hours of service as leaders and assistant leaders during the past months. Our enrollment does not change much from year to year but we have had a steady growth in number of activities and in attendance over the past three years in our Group Work and Recreation Program. The attendance for 1954 shows a 39% increase over 1953, 1955 shows a 10% increase over 1954 and a 54% increase over 1953.

These statistics represent many exciting and meaningful experiences and activities. Week after week hundreds of members have planned with their leaders the things they like to do. Camping, fishing, cooking (both in-doors and out-of-doors), picnics, parties, plays, seasonal events, crafts, family play nights, tournaments, leagues, various sports activities, ceramics, games, songs, educational trips, etc., have been a part of the program of the various groups. This year a Cub Scout Pack was organized to add to our other Scouting Program which includes all age groups for boys as well as girls, although we still do have a better Scouting program for girls than for boys because of the difficulty in getting good leaders for boys, however.

Our women have continued to enjoy the ceramics group which has given them an opportunity not only to make beautiful things but to enjoy fellowship with other women who know and understand their problems.

We have had a good year in the Day Care Center too, a service which is maintained for mothers who must work. These little folks 2½ to 5 are not only given good care but also have good training during the hours they spend at St. Mark's.

Last summer we used our new camp for the first time and in addition to our big program in New Orleans we had five weeks of camping at Camp

St. Mark's, Covington, La. Our groups also have enjoyed eleven weekend trips during the year.

We are looking forward to a bigger program this summer with swimming periods, swimming classes, Life Saving classes, three weeks of Play Camp built around the theme of "Indian Americans" for 100 children 6-14 years of age, two weeks of Vacation Bible School, and six weeks of camping at Camp St. Mark's.

Yes, we have had a full year at St. Mark's for which we thank our Heavenly Father who has given us strength to carry on day by day in our program of building.

In behalf of our Board, our Staff and our Members we wish to express our appreciation to all of you who continue to give us your faithful and loyal support year after year. God grant as we work together that we may hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Fae L. Daves

PEOPLES METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

We, the Superintendent and Staff of Peoples Methodist Community Center, have adopted a creed to inspire and guide our thinking and our aims as we serve the people of this community.

Our Creed;

We believe that the child is the most valuable asset of our Community, and should have the most excellent care, the worthy companionships, the most functional facilities, and the most rewarding Christian character training.

We believe that teen-age-people need sound guidance in selecting friends, in choosing recreation, in obeying civic regulations and in being reverent.

We believe that no one grows too old to play, to make new friends and continue enriching his life.

All of these goals we are trying to realize through the following services and opportunities being offered by the institutions:

1. The public health clinic for infants and children.
2. The Day Care department for children of working mothers.
3. The Nursery and Kindergarten classes for pre-school children and the primary grades for those of school age.
4. The clubs for junior boys and girls and for teen-agers.
5. Special activities and opportunities provided for adult groups, and the Golden Age Club for those of advanced age.

If you should happen to be in the vicinity of Peoples Center any day in the week, you would see over a hundred little boys and girls coming from all directions, accompanied by their mothers, wending their way to Peoples Methodist Community Center. There is a look of happy anticipation on their faces as they enter the gate and proceed to their respective rooms.

And well might they be happy, for here at Peoples Center where they spend the greater part of their waking hours, they work and play and learn in a congenial home-like atmosphere. Many exciting adventures and interesting experiences await them in the spacious playground and bright cheery rooms.

The day begins happily with a period of free play and conversation, for the pre-school groups, after which they are all assembled for morning devotions. "Train a child in the way he should go," says Holy writ; so, we have designed the worship period with this in mind—training the child in the way he should go. Employing hymns, prayers, Bible stories and dramatizations, and objective lessons in everyday living. We are trying to instill in these young children, the basic principles of Christian living.

Since play is the main business of the pre-school child, most of his learning must be acquired through this medium. For instance; playing number games, singing and reciting number songs and rhymes helps him learn to count and become familiar with the meaning of numbers. Likewise, play-acting, story-telling, conversations and questions and answer games aid in language development and vocabulary building.

Music appreciation occupies a very important place in the daily schedule. It is one of the most enjoyable activities of the day and can always be counted on to arouse the interest and enthusiasm of a group. The record player and fine library of children's records purchased with Cash Supply funds have provided many happy hours of wholesome and profitable enjoyment.

Outdoor play, art activities and constructive play with educational materials and toys are some of the other interesting aspects of the Nursery child's day.

Whenever we hear the numerous expressions of satisfaction and appreciation coming from the parents of these children for the care and training which they receive here at the Center, we are humbly grateful for the opportunity which is ours, to labor in the Master's vineyard. And we are ever mindful of and grateful for the part which the Woman's Society of Christian Service plays in the promotion of this project.

Mrs. Pearl C. Turnbull.

LOUISIANA RURAL WORK

Elizabeth Thompson

Following the completion of the missionary unit on Indian Americans, the junior class (three girls) of the Hall Summit church acted as hostesses at a "Pow Wow Party" for the children of the six churches of the Larger Parish and their teachers.

The teacher of the class and the resource leader for the council of children's workers (the minister's wife) are creative and the rural worker has no desire to take any credit for the quality of this experience. The event appears in this report to show how the rural worker operates from the sidelines. The initial suggestion for the party came from her, as well as some of the ideas and materials for developing the ideas. From then on her contribution was made at the request of the committee in charge. They also knew that the next time they would be on their own.

The teacher confessed later that at times she had been envious of the opportunities afforded children in larger churches, "but" she went on to say, "I won't feel that way anymore for by all of us working together our children can have meaningful experiences, too."

This is only one illustration of what happens when small churches participate in some type of cooperative planning, either Group Ministry or Larger Parish. There are some activities beyond the reach of a very small group (three girls could not have had the party by themselves); there are other projects that are more effective when several groups function as a unit (the observance of Rural Life Sunday at Coushatta, for instance); and there are times when all benefit from joint planning even though activities are carried out separately (meetings of teachers and leaders of adult classes to discuss teaching methods, is a case in point.

The third NATIONAL METHODIST TOWN AND COUNTRY CONFERENCE in Bloomington, Indiana, July 1955, stressed the need for such cooperative approaches. In some places such procedure is the salvation of rural churches, this is especially true in those areas which depend heavily on student and non-resident ministerial leadership.

Following the Bloomington meeting (which forty-five members of this

Conference attended) beginnings were made to augment those already in existence. They range from ministers meeting to clear dates (an important step) to St. Tammany Group Ministry. The goal is to have at least one "pilot" or demonstration in each district. For that reason the programs initiated in the Hall Summit. Larger Parish are reproducible and do not need a rural worker except in an advisory capacity.

The RECOGNITION PROGRAM and the October CONFERENCE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MINISTERS have lifted up the importance of the small church, as did the election of the chairman of the Town and Country Commission to General Conference. These experiences demonstrate the interdependence of city and country, of all the boards and agencies within the church and in the community if the rural areas are to be served.

A continuing effort to include every one in the fellowship has been made through activities with older adults (a large per cent of whom live in rural areas), and through opportunities opened up by leaders of the Central Jurisdiction.

No community in town or country can be a Christian community as long as anyone is left out of our concern.

ANNUAL REPORT ST. TAMMANY RURAL WORK

How wonderful again to report to the Louisiana Conference.

Having come from working in other conferences, I took advantage of every opportunity to attend District and Conference meetings so as to get to know the emphasis and the program of the Louisiana Conference.

One Woman's Society has been organized, and one reactivated. District Members have been enrolled in three unorganized churches. Emphasis has been placed on officer training, program building, and study.

Leadership training, a most important part of rural work, takes many forms: taking workers to sub-district, district, and conference meetings; informal conferences with groups; individual conferences with local leaders; participating in regular meetings of committees, commissions, and councils; providing or suggesting literature to answer questions or to meet special needs. Through the Group Ministry Program three Parish-wide Institutes were held: for teachers and officers of Adult Classes; for church school superintendents, chairmen of commissions on education and pastors, conducted by Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Conference Director of Adult Work; and for Vacation Church School leaders. Mrs. E. L. McKay, Conference Director of Children's Work, conducted Children's Workers meetings in five churches and had a short conference with the superintendent of the Children's Division in another. These meetings were well attended and will provide a basis on which to build a Group Ministry Leadership Training Program.

Many projects have been started: many more are waiting to be undertaken. Through them much can be done for the Kingdom as people work together in their local areas and as the churches work together in the Parish. A feeling of unity will be developed which will strengthen the Church and deepen the fellowship of its people as it draws all of us closer to the Christ whom we love and seek to serve.

Shiela Nuttall.

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER

MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, La., is a twenty-four hour licensed Child Caring Center. The children placed at the Center by parents or other agencies come mostly from families of French, Spanish, and Indian extraction who live along the bayous.

Children of both sexes are admitted whose normal family life has been

interrupted by broken homes, death, desertion, separation, divorce, long-time illnesses and generally inadequate homes.

The Center endeavors to fill the gap in their lives by providing their essential needs: love, understanding, compassion, and security, along with some luxuries—that they, too, may have the opportunity as Jesus to grow in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man.

Our goal this past year has been met to a remarkable degree through the children's participation in church and on campus religious and community activities, varied recreational and cultural program, on the job training program supervised by adult leadership—they learn how to keep house, to sew, iron, cook, plan menus, take care of the campus and minor repairs, attend activities in the schools which they are enrolled. The children and parents have both on and off campus visiting privileges.

The most significant accomplishment of the year is the individual attention which our children have been given through Mental Hygiene, Psychiatric, Guidance and Evaluation Centers and Clinics. They, also, have general and special medical care as indicated. With such splendid cooperation from the sources mentioned, we can plan for the children's future in a more intelligent manner, and especially for the greatly deprived.

During the past year, we have given care to thirty-two children. Nine of the children since the latter part of December, have been re-established in their rightful homes due to our case work with the children and parents over a period of time.

We have, presently, on our campus twenty children ages 6 to 15 years who, except for very short vacations, will remain on the campus this summer.

People have visited this past year from Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana on Tours With a Mission. Other tours are scheduled for this summer. The New Orleans District Junior Camp was also conducted last year on our campus.

We are, indeed grateful to the Conference and the Jurisdiction for their interest in our Center, your continued cooperation, encouragement, prayers, and material gifts—all these are to our children symbols of love and belonging to—and above all a symbol of security. Our children are very appreciative of the repairs to our various building and the new equipment which has made our buildings more home-like. Such feeling of security helps our children, physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

One little six year old boy expressed very vividly and directly his feeling of security when he said he loved to be at MacDonell, because he knew that he was going to get three meals a day and he always knew when to go to his meals because we rang the bell for each meal. This little fellow is satisfied and happy with us, although he misses his parents he never complains. He received a certificate of honor froh his school for doing excellent work and having a 100 per cent regular attendance.

Most of the children are happy and it has been a joy to the staff to see them striving to meet the goal, which in our minds, each as an individual, that we want them to meet.

We must keep in mind, at all times, that we have with us some of the most deprived children in the world, therefore, it takes a long time to get them in good physical and emotional condition. The children's problems—that of their parents—is a heavy burden for such little children.

Anne Coucoules.

SAGER BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL

The year of 1955-56 at Sager Brown Home and Godman School has been a good one in its various aspects. Our books were closed May 31, 1955

with all bills paid and a balance. The number of children in the Home at this date was fifty. The school term for 1955-56 opened in September with an increase in the number on the Staff. One teacher was added for music, and the Kindergarten Department was given a full time teacher. The total school enrollment for the year was one-hundred and forty. Twenty pupils enrolled in the kindergarten. To date we have fifty-six children in the dormitories.

The physical plant has been improved. Godman School building was painted inside and outside. All specifications for the state have been met, including a new sewerage disposal. The Home was relicensed by the state for child care May 1955. Recreational improvements included the purchase of Television Sets for the girls and boys' dormitories.

Supplies have been good, including ready to use materials and cash. The value of supplies for the Louisiana Conference total one thousand, one hundred four dollars. ($1,104.00). The children were made happy at Christmas and other holidays with gifts and treats for each occasion. Six Missionary Groups have visited the school and campus. Other visitors numbering one hundred sixty have visited the Home. We are very grateful to the women of the Louisiana Conference who have assisted in making this year's work a success.

We, the staff, pledge for another year "to be up and doing, strong in faith and scorning fear, trusting Him to keep us faithful in His service here."

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent.

DULAC INDIAN MISSION

Dulac Indian Mission has continued its growth toward being a community center. Activities of the Mission may be broken down as follows: recreation, adult education, kindergarten, counselling services, health services and church work.

Our recreation program consists of a weekly movie, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Teen Nights, and playground activities. This phase of our program is one of the most-needed in this locality. There are few places that offer wholesome recreation to the people whom we serve. Special events in this phase of our program include: Hallowe'en Party Thanksgiving Day covered dish dinner. Christmas Tree, and Easter Egg hunt.

During the past year we have had four different classes in literacy for adults. These have been meeting in various homes twice a week.

The kindergarten is one of our most successful activities. It meets a real need in helping the French-speaking children adjust to an English-speaking school setting.

Counselling services are a vital part of our work here. In addition to personal problems which are brought to us, we have helped people with a variety of services ranging from banking and income tax returns to plumbing and house planning. It is our aim to help meet needs in all ways that we can.

Health services are curtailed at the present time by the lack of a nurse. Our regular program calls for health education with emphasis on nutrition and sanitation, first aid service and regular home visits.

The staff of the Mission works in the local church in many ways. In addition to Church school teaching the staff helps to direct and produce our annual Christmas Pageant and the Galilean Service.

Numbers alone mean little in a report on a program like ours. They are merely an indication of what is being done. They can not tell the full story. These figures give you an average approximation of what goes

on at Dulac during one Month's time:

Kindergarten	384	Playground	250
Movie	280	Personal Requests	100
Boy Scouts	32	Local Society & Men's Meetings	32
Girl Scouts	40	Special Events	100
Teen Night	60	Home Visits (50 per month with average of 4 per visit	200
Adult Education	120		
Sale	18		
Sunday School	220	TOTAL	1998

We appreciate the support given this work by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. We ask for your prayers as we continue this work.

H. Carl Brunson, Head Resident
Mildred W. Brunson, Kindergarten
Wilhelmina Hooper, Adult Work.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and by-laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book, and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

ARTICLE I.—Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer may immediately succeed herself in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer, who may be elected for one additional term. The term of office for all officers shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Status of Women, and a secretary of Missionary Personnel.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following officers shall be eleeted: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a secretary of Promotion, a secretary of Missionary Education, a secretary of Christian Social Relations, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Supply Work, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. (a) At the last meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including the president shall be by office, the other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

(c) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 4. Delegates from the Conference Society to the quadrennial Assembly shall be the Conference president and one other Conference officer, elected by the Conference Executive Committee at the last meeting preceding

the Assembly. Other representatives from the Conference shall be the Conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild or her representative, and one delegate from each District, who shall be a District officer, elected by the District Executive Committee at the last meeting preceding the Assembly. The expenses of the District representative shall be paid by the Districts.

ARTICLE II.—Vacancies

Section 1. When vacancies among Conference officers, or standing committees oceur during the year they shall be filled by the Administrative Committee with ratification by the Executive Committee until the next regular election.

Section 2. When three years or more of an unexpired term of office is filled in a Conference office, it shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III.—Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the officers, the District Presidents, District treasurers, District secretaries of Promotion, and such persons as the Conference society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdiction officers residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the conference shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the Conference and shall determine the officer responsible for publicity in the press.

Section 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the Secretary of Promotion, the secretary of Status of Women and the chairman of the Research Committee. This committee shall have the power to serve as an Ad Interim Committee.

ARTICLE IV.—Funds

Section 1. All officers shall submit itemized expense accounts quarterly, and in as far as possible keep within the amount heretofore advanced: President, $25.00; vice-president, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, and Missionary Personnel, $12.50; treasurer, $10.00; Literature and Publications, $15.00. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

Section 2. A sum not to exceed $300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations for the promotion of this department of work in the Conference.

Section 3. Sixty cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for the cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of the end of the fourth quarter of the preceding year. Expenses of officers, speakers at Annual Meetings, expense of Executive meetings, expenses of delegates to Jurisdiction Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and educational work of the Conference Society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference Work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4. Each local society shall include in its budget for District Cultivation, an amount equal to ten cents per member, to be remitted to the District treasurer.

Section 5. District treasurers shall set aside $25.00 each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

ARTICLE V.—Districts

Section 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District President for

a term of two years with the privilege of re-appointment for one additional term. The zone leaders shall hold not less than two meetings in their respective zones each year. A collection may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the District treasurer.

Section 2. District officers shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the possible exception of the treasurer, whose term is limited to eight years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with privilege of re-election. The term of all officers shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one to be composed of: a president, a treasurer, secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Status of Women and Missionary Personnel. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Literature and Publications. Supply Work, and Spiritual Life Cultivation. The District Woman's Society of Christian Service shall determine the method of election of its officers.

Section 3. The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the District officers, the Conference and Jurisdiction officers and members of the Woman's Division residing in the District.

ARTICLE VI.—Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations, which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members, and members of the department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdiction.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and Action, composed of the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference, as chairman; the president, the secretary of Promotion, the secretary of Missionary Edu-

cation and Service, the secretary of Christian Social Relations, the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the treasurers of the districts and a limited number of women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches, and the pledges made; become informed of Conference income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation and in other lands. This study shall include the bases of Woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. The committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel, composed of the Conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, who shall be chairman, the Conference president, the Promotion secretary, the secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, and the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions and Church Extensions, and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any over-lapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. (a) An Advisory Committee shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work in the conference where there are one or more Rural Work Projects. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of Missionary Education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, the Executive secretary of the Board of Education, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the District Superintendents of the Districts in which Rural Workers are located, and one or more members-at-large. The Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. While the committee may make recommendations the actual decision as to the area in which the Rural Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Rural Deaconess shall report quarterly to the Rural Advisory Committee, who shall direct her work.

(b). There shall be set up in each District where there is a Rural Worker, a District Advisory sub-committee, composed of the members of

the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the District, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee may wish to add. The sub-committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District.

Section 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District secretaries of Promotion, the Conference secretary of Status of Women, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the Conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of the Standing Committees. It shall report its findings when called for, to the Conference Society.

Section 10. There shall be a committee on School of Missions and Christian Service, with a chairman elected annually. This committee shall be composed of: the vice-president, the secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Wesleyan Service Guild, Literature and Publications, Spiritual Life Cultivation, and such other members as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Missions and Christian Service which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through the integrated program of missionary education, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life Cultivation and Program Building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Section 11. There shall be a Standing Committee on Annual Report composed of the Recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of Promotion, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society.

Section 12. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the Conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild as chairman, the Guild secretary from each District in the Conference, and four representatives from the Woman's Society of Christian Service within the Conference, two of whom shall be the conference secretary of Promotion and the conference treasurer; the other two to be elected by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, and such additional members as the work demands. It shall be the duty of the Guild Committee to assist the Conference secretary of the Guild in the promotion of Guild work in the Conference.

Section 13. There shall be a committee on Annual Meeting Program, composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

ARTICLE VII.—Amendments

Section 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws thirty days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. All communications from the Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society, the Conference officers are expected to provide postage for same.

2. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

3. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District treasurer, and the District secretary of Supply Work.

5. A typist shall be supplied at the annual meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the annual meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. Each District Seminar collection, after local expenses are paid shall be turned over to the Conference secretary of Missionary Education and Service for the Seminar Cultivation.

8. Representation at annual meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society however small, shall have one delegate.

9. The hostess society for the annual meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee, and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accomodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expense to be paid by their society.

10. Thirty days before the Annual Meeting the Conference Recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the Conference registration cards, which she will fill in the names of the delegates, and with check covering meals, and mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

11. In view of the fact that letters have been received from certain business concerns asking the Woman's Division to endorse and promote through its channels their plans to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products, we urge a strong statement be sent in reply, refusing such endorsement.

12. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for the support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from Woman's Society's treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the church.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and the secretary of Promotion.

2. In order that the society entertaining the annual meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time, the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The secretary of Promotion in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the secretary of Promotion of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the Committee on Finance before being presented to the society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

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Bossier City	Mrs. Robert Hill	101 Arcadia, Bossier City, La.
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Hosston	Mrs. Irene McKinney	Hosston, La.
Ida	Mrs. R. M. Murph	Ida, La.
Mooringsport	Mrs. John L. Sharp	Mooringsport, La.
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Plain Dealing	Mrs. J. T. Adger	Plain Dealing, La.
Rodessa	Mrs. J. M. Moore	Rodessa, La.
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Grand Cane	Mrs. A. F. Abington	Grand Cane, La.
Hall Summit	Mrs. D. W. Stewart	Hall Summit, La.
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Logansport	Mrs. John R. Nash	Logansport, La.
Longstreet	Mrs. W. M. Cornett	Longstreet, La.
Mansfield	Mrs. J. S. Segura	Mansfield, La.
Many	Mrs. R. J. Petty	Many, La.

Mitchell	Mrs. J. D. Sistrunk	Mitchell, La.
Pelican	Mrs. J. H. Joyner	Pelican, La.
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild

JUNE

The president of the unit and the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service meet to discuss plans for things the Guild and the Society will want to do together. The president and the treasurer of the Guild arrange to attend executive meetings of the Society as regular members of this committee.

The new Secretary of Promotion and the treasurer receive their report books from the outgoing officers. The Membership Book goes to the recording secretary.

The Executive Committee and the Committee on Program meet to make plans for the year. There should be special emphasis on the new Quadrennial Goals.

The Committee on Finance meets to prepare the budget.

Conclude plans for Guild Weekend, Camp Brewer, July 13-14-15, and the Conference School of Missions, Centenary at Shreveport, August 13-17, 1956.

JULY

The Committee on Status of Women gives special attention to the Service Activity Cards, taking note of pertinent information before filing the cards.

The Committee on Program meets again to make detailed plans for the year.

The Committee on Spiritual Life meets. This committee considers suggestions from the Committee on Program and gives some idea to that committee.

Treasurer Reports for first quarter are due July 20, please NOTE, and close books then.

AUGUST

Plan for approved study courses with your Committee on Missionary Education and Service.

SEPTEMBER

The Guild vice-president confers with the vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on plans for the Week of Prayer and Self Denial.

The Committee on Literature and Publications announces and displays new materials of the Woman's Division.

Local Secretary of Promotion Reports are due October 1, Please NOTE change of date.

OCTOBER

Present the United Nations through displays and suggestions for action.

Second quarter treasurer Reports are due October 20, please NOTE, and close books then.

NOVEMBER

Plan for Human Rights Day, December 10, in cooperation with other organizations of the church.

DECEMBER

The Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service make plans for Guild month.

JANUARY

January is Guild month. Make plans for recruiting new members, for publishing the Guild, and for a joint meeting of the Society and the Guild.

Third quarter treasurer Reports are due January 20, please NOTE, and close books. Local Secretary of Promotion Reports are due February 1.

FEBRUARY

The Committee on Program evaluated the work of the first half of the year.

The Committee on Nominations meets.

MARCH

March 8 is World Day of Prayer.

Give special emphasis at the monthly meeting on The Methodist Woman and World Outlook.

The Committee on Spiritual Life takes leadership in arranging a Guild Lenten Communion Breakfast.

Fourth quarter treasurer Reports are due April 20, please NOTE, and plan to close books. Annual Report to District and Conference Guild Secretary is due May 1.

APRIL

Election of officers.

Present the program on the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Plan for attendance at the Summer School of Missions and Christian Service and the Conference Guild Weekend.

MAY

Hold the pledge service at the regular May meeting. (See Program Book).

The executive committee meets to assist the Secretary of Promotion in making out her Report; which is due June 1, and a very good time to evaluate the work of the fiscal year.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary:

Mrs. Minza Rabun, 504 Jackson Street, Bastrop, Louisiana.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Spiritual Life:

Miss Helen Adams, P. O. Box 839, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Missionary Education and Service:

Mrs. F. G. (Ruby) Phillips, P. O. Box 398, Plain Dealing, Louisiana.

Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Christian Social Relations, and Local Church Activities:

Mrs. Sybil Y. Farr, 260 Maximillian Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

District Wesleyan Service Guild Secretaries:

Alexandria District, Mrs. E. E. (Louise) Roberts, 2450 Alma St., Alexandria.
Baton Rouge District, Miss Mary Lucile Napier, Kentwood, Louisiana.

Lafayette District, Miss Marilyn Jane Carter, P. O. Box 150, New Iberia, La.

Lake Charles District, Mrs. E. D. (Lena) Sweeney, 3523 Louisiana St., Lake Charles, La.

Monroe District, Mrs. T. D. (Ruth) Guthrie, 725 Van Avenue, Bastrop, La.

New Orleans District, Miss Margaret McGowan, 4468 Music Street, New Orleans, La.

Ruston District, Miss Sue Batton, 300 North Broadway, Minden, La.

Shreveport District, Miss Arline Tyler, 1546 Magnolia St., Shreveport, La.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service:

Conference President, (Ex-Officio member), Mrs. C. I. Jones, 6215 St. Charles St., New Orleans, La.

Conference Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween, P. O. Box 1908, Alexandria, La.

Conference Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Lee (Era) Tidwell. 655 Robinson Pl., Shreveport, La.

Elected Members:

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Secretary of Supply, 2081 Ferndale, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications, 720 W. Main Street, Homer, Louisiana.

Mrs. A. F. (Jennie) Hanson, Secretary Status of Women, 3814 State St. Dr. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Others on Committee:

Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary, 900 N. 3rd Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

Miss Lillian Kennedy, Editor of Guild Times, and Publicity Chairman, 5545 Jackson Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Minutes of the

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

November 19-20, 1955

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference, Wesleyan Service Guild held its Mid-year Board Meeting at Edmary's Courts, November 19-20, 1955. Members present were Mrs. Minza Rabun, Lillian Kennedy, Emma Kuntz, Helen Adams, Grace Lawson, Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Marilynn Carter, Arline Tyler, Sue Batton, Margaret McGowan. Mrs. J. H. McSween, and Jenibe Westbrook. Visitors were Mrs. C. E. Adams, Lake Charles; Mrs. Neva Rye, past secretary of Alexandria District; and Judge Fannie Burch.

The meeting was called to order 3:30 p.m. Saturday by Mrs. Rabun, and Mrs. McSween was asked to lead the group in prayer. Mrs. Rabun appointed Mrs. E. E. Roberts to send cards to the following absent members: Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Mary Lucille Napier, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. A. F. Hanson, and Mrs. C. I. Jones

Mrs. Rabun called for the minutes of the last meeting, and Margaret McGowan moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes.

The district secretaries, and Chairmen of Lines of Work who were present gave short reports on their work for the past quarter—copies of which are attached. Written reports from Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Sweeney were read; also a communication from Mrs. C. I. Jones.

Mrs. McSween reported that we are being asked to send only $200 to Louisiana Rural Work and $100 to Health and Nursing at Vicarabad, India as cash for Supply Work which is far below what we have already contributed. She commended our giving so generously to supplies but showed us the need for raising our pledges to missions.

It was brought out that extra money could be well used if contributed to the Alcohol Fund since many have not paid their 25c per capita.

Through Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities a discussion was led by chairman Emma Kuntz about the qualifications of the candidates in the coming gubernatorial election. Miss Kuntz read a report that she received from Dr. Earl H. Hotalen who investigates facts concerning the different candidates. It was suggested that we as Christian women find out what we can about the candidates and send the information to her. Miss Kuntz was asked to send out a digest of any reports she might get. It was recommended that all who could, attend the Seminar on CSR & LCA at St. Mark's in New Orleans. Margaret McGowan moved that Emma Kuntz be sent as our delegates to the Jurisdiction Work Shop at Dallas, Texas. Motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting recessed a short while for supper and was called to order for the evening session by Mrs. Rabun who led the group in prayer and meditation.

Lillian Kennedy gave a detailed account of her work on Guild Times, reporting that there are still not enough subscriptions for the paper to be self-supporting. Mrs. Neva Rye suggested that there be a circulation manager—someone near Lillian—to assist Lillian in getting out Guild Times. This suggestion met with the approval of all; however it was decided that we wait until Spring Conference to appoint someone for this job. There also was a discussion on the advisability of continuing to send complimentary copies of Guild Times to W.S.C.S. officers. It was decided that the present schedule would be followed for sending out Guild Times with the Exception of the January issue.

Mrs. Rabun gave a report on efforts made and being made to have Dorothy Dunbar named "Guild Woman of the Month" in the Methodist Woman. It was unanimously agreed that we keep trying to accomplish this.

Mrs. McSween gave a financial report and commended the Guilds highly on their first quarter's report. She suggested that some of the Guilds might like to contribute to the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund which would increase our pledge to Missions.

Mrs. Rabun said that she would like for the group to think about making a "Trip With a Mission" to see the Division projects in the Louisiana Conference.

There was some discussion of having a Chairman of Supply, but for the remainder of the quadrennium it was thought that there is a greater need for a Chairman of Membership. Mrs. Rabun recommended that we also have a Chairman of Status of Women.

The tentative date for Camp Brewer was planned for the 2nd or 3rd week-end in July.

There was some discussion of having a jurisdiction meeting Friday night at the Spring Meeting. No decision was made since we had no way of knowing if any of the Jurisdiction officers would be staying over, and no directives had been received from Miss Gertie Stiles.

Mrs. Rabun announced the Program Committee for Spring Meeting as follows: Sue Batton, Chairman, Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Roberts.

Judge Fannie Burch showed picture slides taken while she and other Guild members were on their Tour of Mexico. After the pictures the group formed a Friendship circle with each person participating and then retired for the night.

After having breakfast together Sunday morning the meeting came to order again with the group sharing their favorite scriptures. Arline Tyler led the group in prayer.

There was a discussion on the evaluations of the Guild Week-end. Mrs.

Rabun commended Mrs. Roberts and her committee on the handling of the registrations and requested that in the future we continue to show office—if any held—of attending delegates. Margaret McGowan (Chairman), Marilyn Carter, and Mrs. Roberts were named on the program Committee for Guild Week-end. Due to growth of Guild Week-end it was felt by the group that other activities should be planned for the delegates in conjunction with the Spiritual Life Clinic and the Hobbies and Crafts; that the following clinics be added: Presidents, Program Building, CSR & LCA, and Missionary Education and Service.

It was felt that it might be well if we emphasized the importance of the Coordinators and their duties with efforts being made to get them to attend Guild Week-end.

There was discussions on the value of mixing the Guilds in the cabins at Camp Brewer, keeping a record of cabins delegates are in and having hostesses.

It was announced that Mr. Mike Willis, Director of Aldersgate Camp will be the resource person at Guild Week-end.

Motion was made by Margaret McGowan, seconded by Marilynn Carter and passed unanimously that we elect a membership chairman at the Spring Meeting. An election for the nominating committee was held, with nominations as follows: Helen Adams nominated by Grace Lawson, Mrs. Guthrie nominated by Emma Kuntz, Mrs. Neva Rye nominated by Sue Batton. Motion was made and seconded that nominations cease and the above were elected unanimously.

Mrs. McSween submitted a financial report for the first quarter, a copy of which is attached.

Mrs. Rabun gave a report of last years budget showing that we had exceeded the planned budget of $700 by $39.44 and gave a reason for this difference the expenses incurred in organizing Lafayette District. Mrs. Rabun asked that the chairmen of Lines of Work and Mrs. McSween meet with her to for the finance committee for the remainder of the quadrennium.

Delegates for Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mount Sequoyah, June 18-23, 1956 in addition to Mrs. Rabun were selected as follows: Mary Lucille Napier, Marilynn Carter; alternates—Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Guthrie, and the person elected as membership chairman. Grace Lawson announced that Jurisdiction Guild Week-end would precede the School of Missions and would be open to all Guild members, and that the Conference School of Missions would be held in Shreveport, August 13-17, 1956.

Mrs. Rabun requested that names of all Guild members who have gone into full time Christian Service be sent to her as soon as possible.

The meeting was turned over to Miss Sue Batton, Chairman of the program committee for the Spring Meeting, March 2-3-4, 1956, Shreveport, Louisiana. The group went by a mimeographed outline to form a tentative program, using the theme "That the World May Know." Guest speakers suggested were Miss Gertie Stiles, and Mrs. Harold E. Soulen.

Arline Tyler announced that it has been arranged for P & S Hotel on Jordan Street in Shreveport, to be Spring Meeting headquarters.

Miss Helen Adams, conference Spiritual Life chairman closed the meeting with a most inspirational devotional.

Respectfully submitted,
(Miss) Jenibe Westbrook,
Recording Secretary.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Fifth annual meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened and was called to order by Mrs. Minza Rabun, conference secretary 2:00 p.m., March 3, 1956 at The First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. Reverend D. L. Dykes, pastor of the church gave the welcoming address. Mrs. Rabun accepted this welcome on behalf of the delegates, guests and visitors, and asked the group to stand and sing the hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nation."

Mrs. Ellie Earl Sheppard gave the devotional for the Worship Service using the Conference theme, "That the World May Know."

The business session was opened by Mrs. Rabun who appointed a Resolution Committee as follows: Miss Margaret McGowan, chairman; Mrs. Irene P. Black, Mrs. Dollie Brown, and Miss Ruth Travis. The recording secretary was asked to send telegrams to members of the standing committee who were absent.

The Registration Committee's report was as follows:

Alexandria District	7
Baton Rouge District	22
Lafayette District	5
Lake Charles District	7
Monroe District	12
New Orleans District	16
Ruston District	5
Shreveport District	85
Total	159

Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, chairman of the Nominating Committee (also composed of Miss Helen Adams, and Mrs. Neva Rye) reported nominations as follows: Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Plain Dealing; Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Sybil Y. Farr, Baton Rouge. No nomination for the Membership Chairman was made for the present.

The following introductions were made:

Officers of W.S.C.S.

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Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications
Mrs. Robley Davis, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service
Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion

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Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Alexandria
Miss Mary Lucille Napier, Baton Rouge
Miss Marilynn Carter, Lafayette
Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans
Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Monroe
Miss Sue Batton, Ruston
Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport

Chairmen of Lines of Work:

Miss Emma Kuntz, Christian Social Relations
Miss Grace Lawson, Missionary Education and Service
Miss Lillian Kennedy, Editor Guild Times
Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary

Miss Sue Batton gave a report on the program planning for the conference naming Mrs. E. E. Roberts and Mrs. T. D. Guthrie as the two other committee members who assisted her.

The Junior High Girls of First Methodist Church entertained the conference with several special songs.

Mrs. Rabun gave the "Secretary's Report" which was a review of the progress made by the Guilds in the conference during the last four years.

The election of a chairman of Missionary Education and chairman of Christian Social Relations was called for by Mrs. Rabun. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the report of the nominating committee be accepted and nominations be closed. The recording secretary cast the ballot, and Mrs. Rabun declared Mrs. F. G. Phillips and Mrs. Sybil Y. Farr the duly elected chairmen respectively.

Miss Gertie Stiles, Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild gave an address entitled "Do You Know."

The afternoon session adjourned with the benediction given by Miss Arline Tyler.

Tea Hour

At 4:15 p. m. a Tea was held for the conference delegates and visitors at the Business Girls' Inn, with the local Guilds assisting in the courtesies.

Dinner Saturday Evening

Everyone met again in Baird Hall at 6:45 p. m. for the Fellowship Dinner presided over by Miss Arline Tyler. The invocation was given by Dr. B. C. Taylor. Miss Grace Lawson, out-going chairman of Missionary Education and Service, and Miss Emma Kuntz, out-going chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities were given special recognition. Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport District Superintendent introduced the visiting pastors of his district. A "Let's Sing" period was held. This was followed by a skit "She Powders Her Nose," narrated by Mrs. Dorothy Risley, and played by Mrs. Josephine Rogers and Miss Clara Schumaker. The benediction was given by Miss Arline Tyler.

Evening Session, March 8, 1956

The evening session opened with the organ prelude at 8:15 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Mrs. Rabun gave the call to worship and asked the congregation to stand and sing, "Break Thou the Bread of Life." A Communion Service was held by Dr. B. C. Taylor, assisted by the local ministers of Shreveport. A Love Offering was left on the altar for the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund. A special song was sung by Miss Jennie Townsend. Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Harold E. Soulen, Vice President of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Soulen's address was a challenge for greater accomplishments from the Guilds and individual members.

A pledge service was led by Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Conference Secretary of Promotion with the District Secretaries participating. Pledges were made as follows:

Mrs. E. E. Roberts, Alexandria	$1,350.00
Miss Mary Lucille Napier, Baton Rouge	1,650.00
Miss Helen Adams, Lake Charles	1,750.00
Miss Marilynn Carter, Lafayette	650.00
Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Monroe	2,070.00
Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans	1,460.00
Miss Sue Batton, Ruston	650.00
Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport	2,440.00
Total	$12,020.00

The benediction was given by Mrs. C. I. Jones, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, and the meeting was adjourned.

Sunday Morning, March 4, 1956

The breakfast Sunday morning was held in the Garden Room of the Captain Shreve Hotel at 8:15 a.m., with Miss Helen Adams, Spiritual Life Chairman, presiding. Miss Adams gave the invocation. An inspiring meditation was given by Mrs. George Sexton. Miss Adams gave the Guild benediction.

The morning session was called to order by Miss Grace Lawson, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, after singing a hymn the group was led in prayer by Miss Lillian Kennedy. A special was sung by Mrs. A. B. Morris. A panel discussion on "Helping to Share in the Needs of the World" was led by Miss Lawson, assisted by Miss Shiela Nuttall, Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley, and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Division workers in the Louisiana Conference. The "Guild Hymn" was sung and the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Rabun for a short business session.

The registration committee reported a final registration of 164. The recording secretary reported that messages had been sent to Mrs. J. H. McSween, and Mrs. E. D. Sweeney. The resolutions committee's report was as follows:

"We would like to express our sincerest appreciation for the use which the Shreveport District has made of their God-given talents in making this Spring Meeting all that we had hoped for in inspiration, fellowship, entertainment, opportunities for deep devotion, and a widening understanding of our theme "That the World May Know."

Margaret McGowan, Chairman
Irene P. Black
Dollie Brown
Ruth Travis.

Mrs. Rabun reported that the "Love Offering" for the Marion Lela Norris Scholarship Fund came to $252.20. Miss Elizabeth Langford moved that this offering be dedicated in memory of Mr. William Joseph Peters, Sr., Mrs. Rabun's father who passed away February 12, 1956. Mrs. F. G. Phillips presided while this motion was being seconded and unanimously approved by the conference. Mrs. Rabun graciously expressed her appreciation of this consideration.

Miss Margaret McGowan, program chairman for the Annual Guild Weekend announced that Mr. Mike Willis, Director Aldersgate Camp would be the guest speaker at Camp Brewer; which will be held July 13-14-15, 1956 and urged that everyon eome.

Miss Lillian Kennedy gave a brief talk on "GUILD TIMES" and reported that our goal of 500 subscriptions had not been reached. She stated that the paper is still on a trial basis and urged the Guilds to increase their subscriptions and help supply news items or ideas to help in its publication. Mrs. Rabun praised the quality of GUILD TIMES and the progress it is making. She asked that all stand who thought the GUILD TIMES and Lillian's time and effort worth their dollar. Everyone stood in a body.

Mrs. Rabun called for an invitation for the 1957 Spring Meeting and Mrs. E. E. Roberts gave the following invitation: "The Alexandria District is happy to extend to you at this time an invitation to attend the Annual

Spring Meeting in Alexandria next year. We hope to make you as comfortable and welcome as the other districts have made it for us.

It was announced that the conference would attend First Church in a body and would be served a buffet lunch in Baird Hall by Shreveport District Guilds.

Mrs. F. G. Phillips gave the benediction and the 1956 Annual Meting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary.

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Do some Supply Work for the institution on your list.

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